



# PA pressuring Hamas to declare moratorium on attacks against Israel

HAMAS has renewed its dialogue with the Palestinian Authority but has reached no agreement concerning an end to attacks against Israel, a senior Hamas member said yesterday.

Sheikh Inad Falouji, who heads the Islamic Society and is a senior editor of the Hamas weekly *Al-Waqt* — closed by the PA for incitement last month — said dialogue is continuing "all the time, but there is no agreement and no sign of an agreement." He said it is too early even to talk of the range and timetable of a cease-fire.

Reports of a Hamas cease-fire promise have surfaced during the past week, partly because Hamas, until now, has been secretive about its talks with the PA. The renewed dialogue has been fueled by intense pressure on the extremist movement from the PA.

Fatah officials in Gaza say calling the contacts a "dialogue" is an overstatement, and that the PA has issued an ultimatum to Hamas. It does not want to give Israel a reason to delay implementation of further self-rule for the Palestinians, promised for July 1.

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Last week another senior Hamas official, Sheikh Ahmed Baher, denied a Saudi report from London that Hamas had already decided to denounce violence and run as a political party. "It is just not true," he told the Post.

But cracks in the Hamas's facade are appearing, because despite ideological unanimity in the Islamic movement, there have always been divisions concerning the use and scope of violence, especially inside the Gaza Strip, where the PA rules but where there are Israeli settlements and army patrols.

The nominal Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin is counted with the moderates, but his influence is limited among the extremists because "his statements are maybe influenced by being inside an Israeli prison," said one Hamas member.

In practice, Hamas has been under siege following the explosion of a bomb factory in Gaza on April 2 and the attacks in Kfar Darom on April 9. It has ceased armed attacks against Israeli targets and has also stopped verbally attacking the

Palestinian Police.

But it has made no promises not to resume the offensive, mainly because it is still demanding the release of its detainees and an end to military trials.

Armed attacks have also ceased in the Hebron area. That is not only due to a Hamas decision, but to operations by Israeli security forces since the April attacks.

In Gaza, the Palestinian Police has been more active, uncovering a substantial arms cache in the Zaitoun neighborhood and dozens of stolen Israeli ID cards in Rafiah that were to be used by Hamas gunmen.

Splits have developed inside the Islamic Jihad. Reports from Beirut say that its leader, Fathi Shikaki in Damascus, is being accused of embezzling funds, although the dispute appears to be related to differences on the future use of violence.

Shikaki has questioned the motives of Abdullah Shami, a Gaza Jihad leader, who said this was not the right time to engage in violence against Israel, when he was released last month after three months in Gaza Central Prison.



From left: Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak shake hands before their meeting in Cairo on Friday. (AP)

## Egypt and Israel have improved their relations, says Christopher

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egypt and Israel turned a new page in relations at a summit in Cairo on Friday, according to US Secretary of State Warren Christopher. His optimism was supported by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Christopher brought President Hosni Mubarak and Rabin together for their first meeting in four months at a time which he said offers new opportunities for Middle East peace.

Rabin said he had cleared up most of the misunderstandings between Egypt and Israel during the meeting, the first between himself and President Hosni Mubarak in four months. The two countries have wrangled this year over nuclear proliferation, Jerusalem, and the pace of peace talks.

"I believe we turned a new page in the Egyptian-Israeli relationship, one that is promising as we build for the future," said Christopher, at a joint news conference with Rabin and Mubarak. "We've taken another step to transform the region towards peace and make peace in the region irreversible."

"Now Egypt can play a full role in encouraging both the Palestinians and Syria to make progress with Israel," added a senior US State Department official.

Rabin said: "The visit... was meant to remove all sorts of misunderstandings or what seemed like misunderstandings."

He blamed the misunderstandings on what he called "inaccurate reports on what is happening in the negotiating process between us and the Palestinians and apparently a lack of clarity about what was happening or could happen between us and the Syrians."

Mubarak tried to minimize the gravity of their differences. "With any two countries, sometimes there are some clouds that affect relations. Sometimes there are misunderstandings, but these are sorted out through meetings," he said.

But Mubarak gave no date for his first visit to Israel and Rabin told reporters he had not asked him to.

Asked about this at the news conference, Mubarak said: "I have no problem to go to Israel... I have a good response from the Israeli side."

Israel... But why you make a big fuss about this every now and then?"

US and Israeli officials both said good relations between Israel and Egypt improve the chances of a Middle East peace embracing all Israel's neighbors.

"Today Egypt and Israel stand as the bastions of peace, the regional pillars of peace," said Christopher. "When the two countries come together in a partnership, they can achieve an enormous amount of progress in the pursuit of peace."

The summit broke no new ground on Syria and the Palestinians, but the three leaders sustained the mood of optimism generated by unusually successful talks between Israel and the Palestinians last week and by preparations for a meeting of Israeli and Syrian military officials later this month.

Mubarak, speaking of his meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad last week, said: "[He] looked much more relaxed, much more willing to go through the process... maybe because of some feeling that there was a good response from the Israeli side."

## Rabin: Arab states owe PA millions in aid

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday criticized Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia, for not transferring millions of dollars of aid pledged to the Palestinian Authority.

Speaking to reporters on return from a summit in Cairo, Rabin warned of serious consequences if donor states did not honor commitments made to the financially-strapped PA.

He said donors had agreed to provide \$445 million for its budget from April to the end of the year, but that tens of millions of dollars in

pledges had not been fulfilled. Arab states were responsible for about half the PA's deficit, Rabin said.

"It turns out there is a deficit of \$136 million, of which \$65 million are donations from the Arab states headed by Saudi Arabia, which was supposed to contribute — I don't remember — \$25 or \$30 million... this has a very serious meaning," he said.

Donor states pledged \$2.4 billion over five years to help build the Palestinian economy. (Reuters)

## Islamic Movement rally calls for Palestinian capital in Jerusalem

SOME 10,000 members of the Islamic Movement attended a "Jerusalem First" rally in Kfar Kassem on Friday to demand that eastern Jerusalem be made the capital of a Palestinian state.

The streets of the village were festively decorated and the participants, from the Triangle and Wadi Ara area, were all dressed in holiday clothes and sang songs of Jerusalem.

"The Israeli government and the Likud have agreed on a fact, agreeing that there are two people here who share one home-

land, and each people must be given its own independent state," said Abdullah Nimr Darwish, the head of the Islamic Movement.

"This is why we say that Jerusalem's status cannot be harmed. Jerusalem first must be, as far as the Palestinian nation is concerned, the capital of the Palestinian state that will emerge," he said.

The assembly was organized by Ibrahim Sarsur, the Kfar Kassem Local Council head. The guest of honor was Faisal Hussein, who deals with Jerusalem affairs for the Palestinian Authority.

Following a television report on the rally, Likud MKS Uzi Landau and Limor Livnat said they would submit a motion to the Knesset agenda demanding the Islamic Movement be made illegal.

They said the government is ignoring what they called the "undermining of the state" out of electoral considerations. (Itim)

## Poll: 65% of Palestinians support peace process

Jerusalem Post Staff

SIXTY-FIVE percent of Palestinians support the peace process, 55% support Yasser Arafat, and 49% support Fatah according to the latest findings of the Nablus-based Center for Palestine Research and Studies.

The results were from a monthly poll among 1,271 Palestinians taken May 18-20, when government plans to expropriate Arab-owned land in Jerusalem impacted on the peace process.

The poll showed only 50% thought "A person can criticize the PA without fear," and in Gaza where the PA rules, the figure was 42%.

In Gaza, more people listen to Israel Radio (28%) than the Voice of Palestine (27%). Only 50% there think that general political elections for the self-governing council will be fair or somewhat fair.

Support for Hamas and Islamic Jihad averaged 15%, with support highest in Hebron (22%) and higher in Nablus and Tul-karm (16%) than in most of Gaza. Support for imprisoned Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin as head of the Palestinian Authority dropped to 12% from 20% in November, while support for Arafat has increased in that period from 44% to 55%.

## Four drown over weekend

FOUR people drowned over the weekend in separate incidents.

Yesterday foreign worker Sergei Grasenkov, 37, drowned off a beach in Ashdod where there are no lifeguards when he went swimming with friends. He had worked at a local building site since arriving several months ago.

Friday morning a 62-year-old man from Netanya drowned off the city's Sironit Beach, where an 83-year-old man from Kfar Sava drowned later in the day. Both victims were new immigrants, and police said there had been several such incidents involving newcomers, who they said could not read signs warning them against bathing where there are no lifeguards, and who were unfamiliar with the rocky beach.

Late Thursday night, 20-year-old Tomer Graidi of Tel Aviv drowned after being swept away by a wave while taking a swim with his girlfriend and brother, at Tel Aviv's Jerusalem Beach. (Itim)

## Bank robbers strike again in Tel Aviv

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IN the 14th bank robbery in the Tel Aviv area this year, an armed robber stole NIS 25,000 from the Arlosoroff St. branch of Bank Leumi on Friday.

The robber fled on foot, police and eyewitnesses said.

A police source said they are "fed up" with what they described as the "lax attitude" of banks which refuse to install suitable security systems to prevent robberies.

No one was injured in any of the robberies. Police said that robbers have become confident that tellers and customers will not

put up a fight.

In another incident, an 87-year-old black market money changer was robbed at gunpoint on Friday evening by two men, who snatched \$10,000 and NIS 7,500 in cash.

Later that night a video arcade on Dizengoff St. was the scene of another armed robbery. Two masked men held up the owners at gunpoint and demanded the evening's take, which came to around NIS 10,000. Not content with their heist, the pair also robbed three customers, making off with another NIS 3,000.

## Hungary to restore property stolen by Nazis

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Hungary pledged on Friday to restore millions of dollars of Jewish and Christian religious property seized by Hungarian Nazi collaborators and later nationalized by the Communists, World Jewish Congress leaders said.

The pledge was made by visiting Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn during a meeting with WJC Secretary General Israel Singer and it constituted a major breakthrough on a thorny issue involving all of former Communist Europe, the WJC said.

It said Horn would order government working committees to start separate talks next month with Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinist church leaders on the future of about 5,000 pieces of property.

It said he pledged that an agreement would be reached by September 30 and that all religious property would be restored to its rightful owners within a decade.

Any property that cannot be returned will be paid for over a period of 20 years, Horn reportedly told the WJC. Seized property once owned by individuals will be handled through Hungary's privatization laws.

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Meanwhile, the Likud Knesset faction yesterday demanded from Rabin that he appear tomorrow before the Knesset and enumerate all the agreements that have been arrived at with Syria with regard to a total withdrawal from the Golan.

Faction chairman MK Moshe

Katsav added that his party is also demanding that Rabin coordinate a joint proposal for a public referendum, that would take place before any promises or concessions were made to Syria.

In a statement issued by the party, the Likud accused Rabin of trying to achieve an agreement with Syria at all costs before the next elections.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Tel Sheva case moves to military court**  
A Beersheba District Court judge agreed Friday to turn over the case against three Tel Sheva Beduin, suspected of involvement in loading a truck with Hamas explosives, to a military court.

State Attorney Dorit Beinisch argued that, according to the 1945 Mandatory emergency regulations, those suspected of security violations may be tried in a military court. The attorney for the main suspect, Imad Abu Rkayak, did not object to the transfer. The other two suspects have confessed and have been released on bail. (Itim)

**Rare vulture spotted in Negev**  
A vulture was spotted at Kibbutz Ketura in the Negev on Friday for the first time in four years.

Kibbutz members saw the bird perched in a date tree and said it looked underweight and exhausted. They alerted the Nature Reserves Authority, whose wardens brought the bird to the Hai Bar at Yotvata to gain its strength back. (Itim)

**Hundreds attend feminist conference**  
More than 500 women, accompanied by about 50 of their children, attended Israel's 11th Feminist Conference, which ended yesterday. The three-day conference at Ramat Efiel had as its theme "The Personal Is Political." (Sasha Sadan)

## SHAHAK

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of a Republican-controlled Congress, which may not be overly enthusiastic about supporting any financial or political assistance to Syria, especially if that serves Clinton's foreign policy in an election year.

Meanwhile, Shahak is expected this week to decide who will

lead the talks with the Syrians once his talks are completed. The two names mentioned are the prime minister's military secretary, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, and OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan. Another possibility is the newly-appointed OC Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who takes office in August.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL


A business luncheon in honor of Dr. Tamas Suchman, the Hungarian Minister of Privatization, hosted by Josef Weiss, Honorary Consul of Hungary in Jerusalem, will be held today at the Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem.

## CORRECTION

The name of the Russian-language newspaper mentioned in Friday's Magazine article on Natan Sharansky is *Vesty*, and not as printed. The Jerusalem Post regrets the error.

## WINNING CARDS

In Friday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, queen of hearts, king of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.




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# 'Scared little bunny' tells story

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy (AP) — He hunted ants, squeezed precious drops of moisture from his socks and hid like a "scared little bunny" in the bushes as Bosnia Serb soldiers fired their rifles just a couple of meters away.

US Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady said he was no "Rambo" and no hero, the pilot whose F-16C was hit by a missile June 2 during a NATO mission over Bosnia attributed much of his survival for six days to divine intervention.

Also credited was common sense and his training at Air Force survival school in Spokane, Wash., the hometown for the 29-year-old pilot.

His worst problem was thirst. He wrung out his socks to try to drink a few drops.

"It was hard to eat... because my mouth was so dry," he prayed for rain to drink and God answered his prayer, the pilot said. He ate grass after he saw cows grazing and figured he could too.

"The worst point was the first day. I was on the ground, everyone was walking around me. They were shooting their rifles. To me, they weren't just shooting bunny rabbits.

"I never even saw a squirrel out there. I thought maybe they saw something they thought was me and it wasn't. They were trying to kill me."

Military officials began the news conference by playing the tape of O'Grady's radio conversation with Capt. Thomas Hanford, the first US fighter pilot he contacted after being shot down last week.

As he heard himself say "I'm Alive!" O'Grady broke into tears, asked for some tissues and asked that questions be put off for a few minutes so he

could regain composure.

O'Grady said that as soon as his F-16 fighter jet was struck by a Serb missile, he knew what had happened.

"The only thing I saw was the cockpit disintegrating," he said. Then, "this beautiful gold handle" — the ejection handle.

He was amazed at not being immediately captured because as he floated down in his parachute he was over a main highway.

"I was in that parachute for an extremely long period of time," he said. "Everybody from the ground could see me."

Once he, on the ground in a grassy area, he dashed into a clump of bushes.

"I got into the heart of it, lay down. I was hoping they wouldn't see the metal clips of the harness."

O'Grady said he would move around only at night, ranging at most 3 km from where he landed.

His worst day was the first, when he heard many people moving close to him. Asked how far away, he indicated a distance to the end of the dais where he was seated, about two meters.

"Every single day... they (Serbs) walked by me," he said. Two cows he named Leroy and Alfred were especially fond of grazing near by. He feared "Tinkerbell," the name O'Grady gave to their bell-ringing herder, would find him.

He made radio contact, in the early hours of his sixth day in the woods and the elite Marines team sped from the USS Kearsarge in the Adriatic to home in on him.

Base officials said O'Grady would fly out of Aviano today at 8:30 a.m. for Washington, D.C., where he may meet President Bill Clinton.



US Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady cries during a press conference yesterday at the Aviano Air Base in Italy.

# Taiwan head wraps up controversial US trip

ITHACA (Reuters) — Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui wrapped up a groundbreaking visit to the United States yesterday facing new charges from China that his trip has endangered both Sino-US relations and Taiwan itself.

Lee, the first Taiwan president ever to visit the United States, was scheduled to hold a final day of "unofficial" activities at his Ivy League alma mater, Cornell University, before departing for home late last night.

Taiwan officials travelling with Lee were unanimous in calling the four-day visit a rousing success.

"It has gone very, very well," said one official of Taipei's Government Information Office, surveying the busy media center established to cover Lee's keynote address at class reunion celebrations on Friday.

While US, Taiwan and Cornell officials all have fought to portray Lee's trip as simply a private visit by a university alumnus, the Taiwan information officials, the crowds of Taiwanese and US reporters and the fleet of gigantic satellite trucks beaming television pictures back to Asia have underscored its political significance.

Under heavy pressure from Congress, President Bill Clinton's administration granted Lee a visa last month — overturning a de facto ban on high-level Taiwanese visitors that has held since Washington switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1978.

China, which has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province with no international standing since communist victory on the mainland drove the Nationalist government into exile there in 1949, has reacted with outrage over the trip.

# EU launches Bosnia peace bid

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — Europe's new mediator in former Yugoslavia launched into his job to forge a fresh peace initiative in Bosnia yesterday but France and Britain said talks can only begin once Bosnia Serbs free all UN hostages.

Former Swedish premier Carl Bildt, appointed by European Union leaders on Friday, was due to meet Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev last night.

Kozyrev told Itar-Tass news agency that they would discuss details of talks between the "Big Power" Contact Group and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and the search for ways to stop fighting in Bosnia.

French President Jacques Chirac said he hoped Bildt would be empowered to represent the Contact Group, binding the United States and Russia to the EU, but acknowledged Washington and Moscow had yet to agree.

"I can only be successful by working in very close coordination not only with the EU, but also with the Russians and Americans," Bildt said in Stockholm.

EU leaders attempted a fresh impetus to end Bosnia's 38-month war, while demonstrating resolve by creating a rapid reaction force to protect UN peacekeepers on the ground after recent Serb defiance.

Britain and France insisted, however, that no peace moves could be made until Bosnia's separatist Serbs freed the 145 UN soldiers they still hold hostage. They freed 232 hostages over the past week after Milosevic's intervention.

In the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale, "foreign minister" Alexa Buha said yesterday that the Serb leadership would release the soldiers "in coming days."

Meanwhile, three British soldiers were wounded by a mine southwest of Gornji Vakuf yesterday, UN officials said.

One Canadian was wounded by sniper fire on Friday near Visoko, northwest of Sarajevo, and another Canadian was hurt when an ambulance trying to rescue the victim struck a mine. A Spaniard also received minor shrapnel wounds in the west, the UN said.

Serbs have paralyzed the UN mission in Bosnia by flouting Security Council resolutions — closing Sarajevo airport, blocking civilian aid and UN resupply convoys and attacking UN "safe areas" with banned heavy weapons.

But tough action by the United Nations or NATO appeared to be on hold while diplomatic initiatives got under way.

The UN commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, has been ordered to re-

store his peacekeeping mission to its condition just before NATO air strikes two weeks ago.

"The aim is to return to the status quo ante (before NATO air strikes in May) in order to provide a platform for the political process and diplomatic activity in trying to find a solution to this conflict," UN spokesman in Sarajevo Alexander Ivanko told reporters.

"In doing so we will strictly abide by peacekeeping principles until further notice," he added.

# Boss of world's biggest drug gang nabbed

BOGOTÁ (AP) — In a humiliating end to years on the run, police caught the billionaire boss of the world's biggest drug gang crouching in a closet hidden behind a television set.

"Police said an informant's tip led them Friday to Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, who with his brother heads the Cali cartel, supplier of 80 percent of the world's cocaine."

Tracked to a rich neighborhood of the southern city of Cali, Rodriguez Orejuela surrendered peacefully when his hiding place was uncovered, handing over money, documents and three handguns, police said.

Colombian officials, under intense US pressure for results in their drug war, were jubilant.

"This is the beginning of the end of the Cali cartel," President Ernesto Samper said on national television. "We're not going to stop until this problem is wiped out. The entire world can be sure we're going to continue in this struggle."

The United States, citing widespread corruption in the Colombian government and security forces, has repeatedly accused Colombia of being lax in the fight against drugs.

"You've won and you've done good work," Rodriguez Ore-

# Labor leader Blair warns Major of difficult summer

LONDON (Reuters) — British opposition leader Tony Blair, buoyed by a record opinion poll, promised to turn the screws on Prime Minister John Major this summer by relentlessly pushing Labor's message for the future.

Blair, lifted by figures showing him to be the most popular leader of any opposition party since polls began, said his party was not going to let up for a moment in its bid to end 16 years of Conservative rule.

"The Labor Party is doing extremely well but we must not be complacent in any shape or form," Blair told a news conference after a strategy meeting of his "shadow" Labor cabinet.

In particular, because the Conservatives continue making a series of negative attacks, we have got to set out for the country how to put Britain back on its feet, how we can make our economy more dynamic and our society more fair," he said.

Major's harassed cabinet decided to launch an all-out offensive against Blair and his revitalized Labor party, effectively signaling the start of a two-year run up to the next election.

In a morale-boosting speech to Conservatives in Wales, a defiant Major vowed to claw back Labor's lead. "At the next election I intend to defeat Labor and their fellow travellers just as decisively as we have done in every election since 1979," Major said.

Major must call an election by May 1997 and commentators interpreted his decision to come out fighting as a further sign he intends to hang on until the last moment.

With his administration struggling to douse yet another row — this time about its handling of the privatization of Britain's two power generating companies — Major faces an uphill battle if he is to cling on to power.

The latest poll, by the Gallup organization and published by the *Daily Telegraph*, put Labor at 59.5 percent with the Conservatives a huge 39.5 points behind.

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# Calm in Zaire after Rwandan fighting

KINSHASA (Reuters) — Zaire said yesterday that calm had returned to its troubled eastern region of North Kivu after paramilitary troops intervened to stop clashes between local people and Rwandan immigrants.

At least 85 people died in the fighting in which the government says the immigrants were backed by armed Rwandan refugees who fled violence in their homeland.

From the report I received this morning from the chief of general staff there should be no more trouble there," Interior Minister Malumba Mbangula told Reuters.

The clashes took place at Masisi and Walikale villages, 60 km and 140 km west of the Zaire town of Goma respectively. More than one million Rwandan refugees live in cramped and squalid refugee camps around Goma.

Malumba said 85 people, all local Zaireans, had been killed in the fighting which raged over two days at the end of last week. He could not say how many immigrants or refugees died.

Malumba said a paramilitary gendarmerie company — around 120 men — had been sent to the area. "The first contingent of the security forces left on Monday, and the second on Friday."

"Even Zaireans can get angry and they started to defend themselves. They (troops) must separate the two sides and stop them from continuing the massacres," he said. "As soon as it's certain that order has been re-

stored they can leave."

Even before Rwanda's civil war sent a tide of refugees flooding in, North Kivu was a province where ethnic strife simmered, and periodically boiled over into bloody clashes.

The ethnic fault line lies between so-called true Zaireans, mostly of the Bahunde tribe, and the Banyarwanda or ethnic Rwandans perceived as foreigners of immigrants.

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## India's PM adds 3 new ministers

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao added three political loyalists to his government yesterday in an effort to consolidate his grip on power ahead of general elections due within 10 months.

The scope of the reshuffle fell well short of expectations earlier this week and Rao wasted no time hinting that more changes would come following a four-day visit to France starting today.

"There is something more coming up," Rao told reporters after the three ministers were inducted into his government.

President Shankar Dayal Sharma swore in K. Karunakaran, A.R. Antulay and Jagannath Mishra into Rao's cabinet in a brief ceremony in the ornate presidential palace. The government was to announce their portfolios later in the day.

All three are stalwarts in Rao's Congress party, which split following poor results in state elections in late 1994 and early this year. The breakaway faction accuses Rao of ignoring the poor and minorities and failing to clean up corruption.

Karunakaran, chief minister of Kerala state until he was forced out three months ago, played a key role in solidifying Rao's southern base after the last general elections in 1991.

Antulay, a Moslem from the western state of Maharashtra, and Mishra, an upper caste Brahmin from the eastern state of Bihar, lend regional and communal balance to Rao's cabinet. Both have served as chief ministers in their respective states.

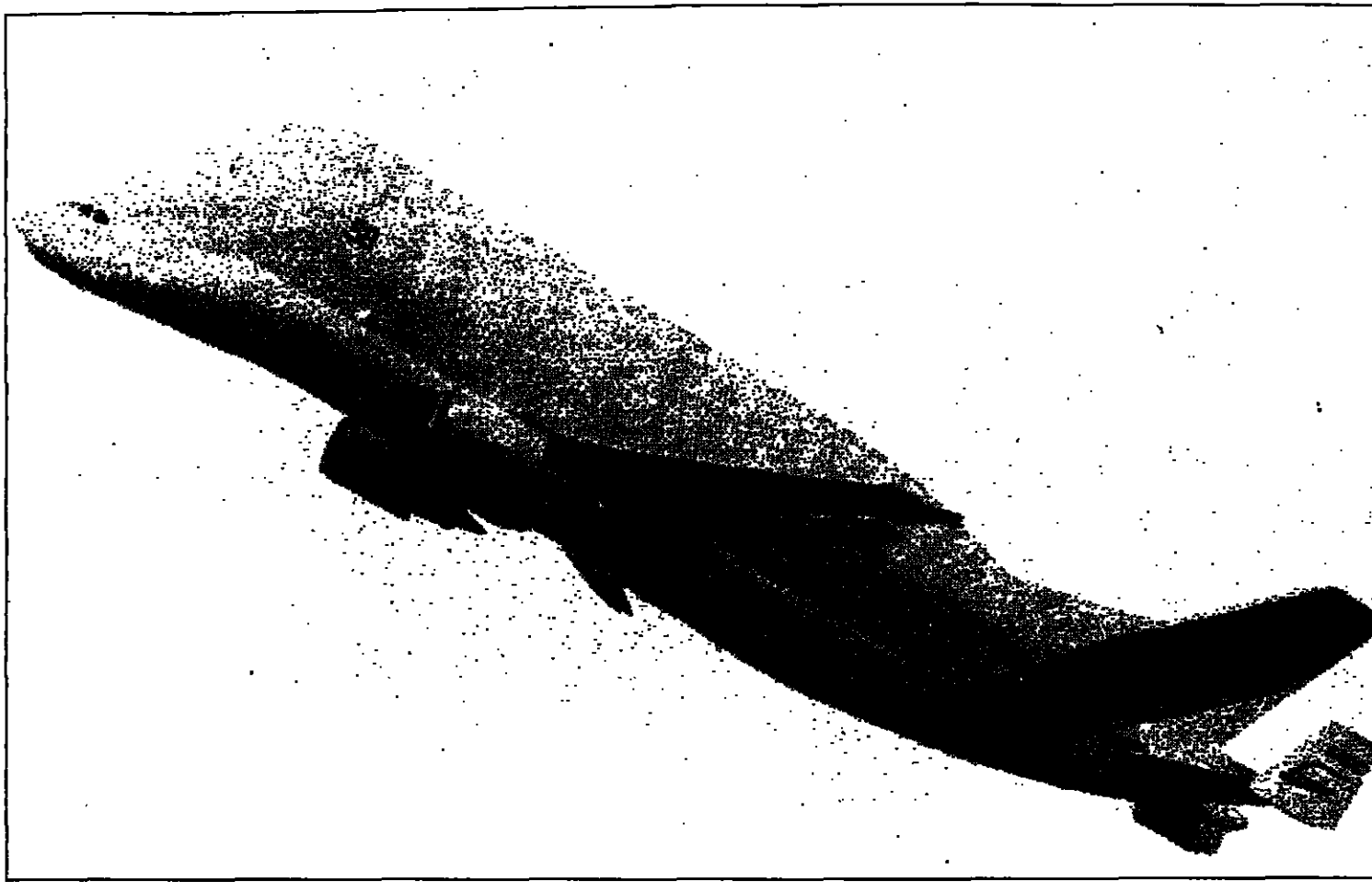
Rao, whose fourth anniversary in power falls on June 21, has been under pressure to consolidate his political base by awarding long-time loyalists from key regions with cabinet posts before general elections due by early 1996.

Earlier in the week, political analysts had expected Rao to name as many as 12 new ministers or junior ministers before leaving for Paris today. The number fell to five on Friday.

The limited scope of the latest exercise raised the likelihood of a larger reshuffle and organizational changes in Congress in coming weeks as Rao begins gearing up to fight both dissidents and the opposition before legislative elections.

The long-awaited changes, signaled by Rao when he announced the last cabinet reshuffle in February, were part of a broader strategy to muzzle dissent in Congress.

His refusal to share power at the top of the party helped provoke in May a formal split in Congress, which has ruled India for all but three years since it won independence in 1947.



Airbus Industries' Super Transporter, the 'Beluga,' is seen in flight at the 41st Paris Air Show yesterday. (Reuters)

## US, N. Korea reach tentative understanding on accord

SEOUL (Reuters) - Top US officials confirmed yesterday that the United States and North Korea had reached tentative understandings to implement a landmark nuclear accord in their latest round of talks in Malaysia.

"We understand that, today in Kuala Lumpur, tentative understandings were reached between the two sides," Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci told a news conference in Seoul.

Gallucci and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Winston Lord, in Seoul to get South Korea's backing for an agreement, declined to give details of those understandings.

They said delegates had yet to agree on wordings. "We are not yet finished in Kuala Lumpur," said Lord, who sat alongside Gallucci at the news conference.

Thomas Hubbard, a deputy assistant secretary of state, and his North Korean counterpart, Vice-Foreign Minister Kim Kye-gwan, have been meeting in the Malaysian capital

nearly every day since May 20.

North Korean officials in Kuala Lumpur also said Hubbard and Kim reached a tentative understanding "on issues on the table."

The sticking point in the talks had been the North's refusal to allow Seoul to play a major role in supplying new light-water reactors to replace Pyongyang's graphite-moderated models.

"I agree that certainly a key barometer and a reflection of their (North Korea's) approach to the overall agreement is what they do with light-water reactors," Lord said.

"So clearly they will need to accept South Korean reactors and a South Korean central role. That is a fundamental principle. That was understood last October. That will have to be reflected in the implementation," he added.

The overall nuclear deal was negotiated by Gallucci with North Korea in Geneva last October. The light-water reactors produce far less plutonium, an essential ingredient of nuclear weapons, than the

graphite-moderated models.

A South Korean foreign ministry spokesman said North Korea had indicated its readiness to accept the South Korean-type reactors and recognize Seoul's central role in reshaping Pyongyang's nuclear industry.

After Gallucci and Lord held talks with South Korean Foreign Minister Gong Myung, the spokesman said the two allies agreed that "it is vitally important that the latest positive North Korean response be made into a concrete, written agreement if any possible ambiguities are to be avoided."

Diplomats said North Korea had pressed for extra economic and technical help in exchange for accepting South Korean reactors. News reports say the North wants \$1 billion extra.

But Yim Sung-joon, director of the American Affairs Bureau of the South Korean Foreign Ministry, said: "Both sides agreed not to accept North Korea's request for additional aids which go beyond the scope commonly accepted in any reactor project."

## Lockheed, Russian firm join up against Ariane

PARIS (AP) - Lockheed Martin Corp. and Russia's satellite launch company said yesterday they would jointly offer their commercial satellite launch services in order to regain leadership from Europe's Ariane space.

Lockheed and Khruichev Enterprise will jointly market their respective Atlas and Proton rockets, and offer each other's back-up services from a second rocket if the first suddenly proves unavailable.

The venture was announced at the Paris Air Show which opens today to the public. It came within hours of the 74th launch of the Ariane rocket, which placed an American satellite into orbit. Ariane, based in Toulouse, is the commercial arm of the European Space Agency rocket.

Arianespace currently accounts for up to 65 percent of commercial satellite launches using the Ariane rocket. Lockheed Martin's Atlas accounts for about 25 percent of the market.

"We hope to account for 50 percent of the market by the year 2000," Vance Coffman, Lockheed Martin president for space and strategic missiles.

Proton will begin commercial services from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan next March. However, Khruichev President Anatoli Kiselev said sites nearer the equator would permit up to 12 Proton launches a year - compared with about four or five from the Baikonur site.

Proton, operational since 1965, launches satellites for Russia's defense department and space agency.

The joint venture is an outcome of the merger earlier this year between Lockheed and Martin Marietta, which produced Atlas rockets. Lockheed three years ago had formed a joint venture, LKE, with Khruichev and another Russian company, NPO Energia, for the worldwide sales and management of Proton launch services.

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## Gingrich on campaign-style trip to New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, NH (Reuters) - US House Speaker Newt Gingrich launches a campaign-style visit to the key election state of New Hampshire on Friday that has made him the focus of media attention and political speculation.

The powerful Republican leader, who has played a cat-and-mouse game on whether he will enter the 1996 presidential race, played down his aspirations in an interview published on Friday by the Manchester Union Leader.

"I think it is very unlikely, honestly," Gingrich told the newspaper when asked if he'd enter the state's first-in-the-nation primary.

The four-day trip has ballooned into a media extravaganza, with up to 200 reporters planning to trail Gingrich as he crisscrosses New Hampshire to attend fund-raisers and meet activists. He is clearly enjoying the attention and joked about his motives in a satellite address on Thursday to New England and eastern Canadian political leaders.

"I don't know when the Republican primaries are, although I understand they will occur," he said in mock ignorance when Massachusetts Governor William Weld tried to prod him into disclosing his plans.

New Hampshire is scheduled to hold the first primary of the 1996 presidential race on February 20.

Gingrich arrives in New Hampshire one day after a local poll found that most Republicans

in the state like his work in Congress but do not want him to run for the White House.

Governor Steve Merrill, a Republican, said despite the poll New Hampshire voters were eagerly awaiting Gingrich's visit. "I think it will be interesting to hear what he says because what he says will determine what every other candidate says here for the next few months," Merrill told Reuters.

There are already eight announced Republican presidential candidates and the field is expected to grow whether or not Gingrich enters the race. Most political analysts said they doubt Gingrich has made up his mind about running.

Polls show Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole with a commanding lead in the state with Texas Senator Phil Gramm and conservative columnist Pat Buchanan fighting for second place.

"I don't think he's testing the (political waters) so much as keeping his options open," Charles Arlinghaus, director of the New Hampshire Republican Party, said of Gingrich.

New Hampshire is a small state but Gingrich's schedule has him dashing about at such a frantic pace that helicopters will be required to keep him on time. He will also make a brief foray into Maine yesterday.

President Bill Clinton will also be in New Hampshire today for a graduation address at Dartmouth College, but his visit has been overshadowed by Gingrich's tour.

## Asian youths rampage in English city

BRADFORD (Reuters) - A crowd of about 60 Asian youths went on the rampage, burning cars, attacking police and smashing windows in the northern English city of Bradford, police said on Saturday.

Three police officers were injured and 10 people arrested in the night of violence sparked by the arrest of two members of an Asian gang.

Other youths responded by hurling missiles at a police car and other passing motorists and then gathered outside a local police station.

Asian community leaders were called in as spasmodic outbreaks of violence continued throughout Friday night until some 100 police agreed to withdraw from the district.

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Libi Chairman Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt thanked the family of the late Esterina Grun 21, whose donation made possible the project which will be named for her and her late husband. Matt also praised the family's idealism and vision in investing in education which he called an investment in the future of the younger generation.

Brig. Gen. Shalom Ben Moshe, IDF Chief Education Officer, said that teaching new immigrant soldiers Hebrew is one of the main aims of the Education Corps and he expressed his gratitude to the Grun family and to Libi.



In the picture (center): Mr. Yisrael Grun, representing the donors; Brig. Gen. Shalom Ben Moshe and Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt, holding a blueprint of the building; Col. Masim Ezra, IDF construction coordinator and Lt. Col. Devora Rimon of Libi. (Photo by Dror Cerni)

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# Today's ABCs: A better computer chain

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**F**UTURISTS claim that, by the year 2010, computer skills will be a prerequisite for nearly every job in the country.

If that's true, an international chain of franchised computer-learning centers for children – and adults – has arrived here just in time to prepare the younger generation and their computer-illiterate parents for this new era.

It doesn't take much expertise or knowledge to insert a diskette or even a CD-ROM into a computer and shoot down armed attackers or learn the ABCs.

But the chain, Futurekids, aims at teaching advanced subjects, such as computer-generated graphics, animation, word processing, database management, music composition, desktop publishing, robotics engineering, environmental simulations and programming to children aged three to 16 as well as grownups.

Five to 10 such centers will open in shopping malls, community centers and other facilities throughout the country during the coming year. Futurekids is the world's largest and fastest-growing chain of such centers, which have taught hundreds of thousands of youngsters at 1,500 centers in 35 countries over the past 12 years; 28 other countries will soon be added to the list (including Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uganda).

England is one of the major countries missing from the list. The company regards this as its biggest market outside the US, but until it finds the right person to head it, "Futurekids won't open there."

The corporation was established in Los Angeles by Peter Markovitz, a former South African who studied filmmaking in the US. Markovitz, who visited Israel for two days recently, announced that Futurekids' exclusive representative here will be Philip Bendheim, the 42-year-old managing director of InterFranchise (Israel) Ltd.

Markovitz, a 35-year-old newly observant Jew with four children aged two to 10, was happy to make a special visit to launch the project.

He says he is particularly pleased that his chain is spreading to this country,

which "can become a superpower by mastering technology and use this influence for the good of all mankind." He was unable to visit Bahrain a while ago after franchises were launched there. His agent, a "deposed sheikh" named Mohammed, invited Markovitz to the Persian Gulf country, suggesting that "we won't tell anyone that you're Jewish." But the boss politely declined, saying he "wouldn't travel to any country that bars Jews."

MARKOVITZ REGRETS that he can't invent a dramatic scene in which the idea for the centers suddenly came to him. "The truth is that my wife was teaching at the University of California at Los Angeles in the academic research faculty. She was frustrated by her work, so I thought of helping her by establishing a center for learning-disabled children off campus," he says. He thought of using computers, even though, in 1983, they were still in their infancy.

Markovitz started on Commodore 64 and Apple 2E machines, whose memory was less than the most simple portable organizers today. "No one then had any background in educational technology, but slowly we built the program up." Gradually, better hardware and new software became available, and the Markovitzes opened a second branch in Dallas in 1985. They also brought their equipment into 100 schools in San Diego and San Francisco, in addition to Los Angeles.

"Although there are some other companies that train children in computers, we are the largest and have our own philosophy based on Jewish tradition. Just as three-year-olds in *heder* are taught to love the *alef-bet* by licking honey from a slate with the letters, we believe children should enjoy learning. We also teach in pairs, like the *hevruta* of Talmud students. One at a time is antisocial, and three or more is a crowd. The interaction of two children, with the guided direction of a teacher, is very effective," Markovitz says. "They learn teamwork and sharing."

Despite this Jewish foundation, there is absolutely nothing Jewish or religious about Futurekids. Youngsters of all backgrounds study strictly secular ma-



An international chain of franchised computer-learning centers has crossed the cybersea to this country.

terial. However, in certain places, such as Toronto, a local franchise located in a haredi area offers separate classes for

boys and girls.

The franchisees are chosen by a highly selective method. They must not only

have the financial means to buy rights from Futurekids and purchase the latest equipment, from CD-ROM drives to

modems and color printers; they must also train in computer education and locate one to eight other staffers who will help run it and teach.

The children get "passports" that accompany them through their "travels" on the learning trail. As they progress, they get stick-in "visas" to record their achievements and special bonus stamps called "bytes" that can be exchanged for gifts. A strict rule is that no food or beverages, which could ruin the key-boards and disk drives, may be brought into the computer room. Markovitz reports that none of his centers has ever been harmed by vandalism.

Futurekids's Los Angeles headquarters, with some three dozen staffers, develops curricula but doesn't write programs. Each country connected to the organization purchases software in the local language, but some lessons inevitably include English words and concepts like "escape" and "enter."

Although schools in many countries have invested a lot of money in teaching the use of computers, few achieve a sophisticated level of mastery, Markovitz says. In any case, there is no risk of overexposure. "Kids may learn to play a musical instrument in school, but they still want to take private lessons in the afternoons," he says.

Futurekids lessons will cost between NIS 50 and NIS 60 an hour in local centers, according to Bendheim, who comes from a prominent philanthropic family and moved to Jerusalem last August. He has begun to carefully select franchise entrepreneurs, who must put up between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in capital but who can expect "a full return on their investment in two years." Each will get his or her own "territory." After the initial five to 10 franchises, he believes Futurekids centers will gradually open around the country.

Bendheim, a father of seven who previously owned a large chemical-distribution business, says the opportunity will be especially attractive to former immigrants from Western countries. Since Israel is "so family oriented," he expects that parents will take their children to Futurekids and attend separate Futurekids-for-Grownups classes on computers (to learn spreadsheets, database management, advanced word processing and how to get onto the information superhighway).

## New software allows instant telephone hookup

NEW WORLDS  
POST SCIENCE REPORTER

**I**T used to take at least a day to have a Bezek technician disconnect or reconnect telephone lines linked to analog exchanges. Though only digital phones are installed these days, hundreds of thousands of people are still linked to analog exchanges. Now, software developed by Bezek allows this procedure to be carried out instantly at the press of a few buttons on a computer keyboard.

Suppose you're moving and are leaving the phone for the next tenant. You want the line disconnected immediately, so you won't be charged for your successor's phone calls. Or perhaps your line was disconnected because you failed to pay your bill; ordinarily, it would take time for a technician to visit and hook you up again after you've made good on your debt. But the new software allows these tasks to be carried out immediately and by remote control – without the need for a housecall by a technician.

The new service is the first stage in a national project that will link all Bezek's telephone exchanges to a central computer. New buildings are now being constructed with ready-made phone infrastructure. Phone lines to each apartment will soon be supplied with a "soft dial-tone" connected to Bezek's business office. Whenever the new resident is ready, he can use that line to call 199 for immediate installation of his regular phone line, which will be hooked up without any need for a technician in the field. Bezek says this service will be available before the end of this year.

Meanwhile, the Haifa Technion and Bezek are establishing an academic program for Be-

zek workers with a bachelor's degree in engineering to study for a master's in telecommunications. Those accepted to the program will study in Bezek facilities; some of the lectures will be delivered by videoconference by experts located in the Technion, while in others, teachers will be present on site. Classes begin in September.

**GENOME LINKS WITH POLAND**  
Genetic and biotechnological research in eastern European countries is expected to be advanced by a UNESCO workshop organized in Warsaw recently by the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The two organizations have been collaborating for the past two years in the field of bioinformatics – the computer-based discipline that allows biology researchers to conveniently search, access and graphically manipulate known genetic and protein structures.

Now, the combined know-how of these institutions will be made available to researchers from Lithuania, Latvia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Russia, Bulgaria and Belarus. This, Weizmann scientists said, should help former Soviet scientists to contribute more actively to the Human Genome Project, the 15-year, \$3 billion international effort aimed at deciphering all the genes in human cells.

The Rehovot institute has for six years been

managing this country's computerized biological database resource center. This specialized computer network provides the country's biological researchers with on-line access to daily updated international biology databases and enables them to interact with genome investigators abroad. The institute is the chartered operator of the Israeli National Node of the European Molecular Biology Network (EMBNET).

The Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics in Warsaw, headed by Prof. Wlodzimierz Zagorski, has been operating its national EMBnet node for less than a year, in cooperation with Israel. Israeli-Polish collaboration, which involves hands-on workshops, courses and exchange visits between the two centers, is supported by a UNESCO grant divided equally between the Israeli and Polish institutes.

**PENTIUM CHECKMATED**  
A computer equipped with Intel's Pentium chip was surpassed by world chess champion Garry Kasparov, nine months after he lost to the same machine.

The event, which was heavily promoted by Intel, was held in the Cologne studios of Westdeutsche Rundfunk, the regional radio and television network. Intel says its processor can analyze more than 100,000 positions per second.

AP reports that Kasparov was under pressure in the first game but came back after the computer, playing black, sacrificed a solid position to gain a three-pawn advantage. The second game was a draw, giving Kasparov the match victory.

## Au naturel: Animal fun in the sun

TELL ME WHY  
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**W**HY don't animals – even hairless ones – get sunburned? Razi, Tel Aviv. Prof. Amir Shkolnik of Tel Aviv University's department of zoology replies:

Your statement is untrue; some animals do get sunburned, and some even get skin cancer.

Most mammals have fur or hair that protects them from the sun's rays. Donkeys, for example, also have large amounts of melanin in their skin. Reptiles have scales that offer a great deal of protection; the snake has large amounts of melanin in deep layers of its body, below and inside the dermis (the interior layer of the skin) that protects it even in the hot sun.

This pigment, which is permanently present in the skin of many animals, reduces the absorption of ultraviolet rays from the sun by the skin. It works the same way in black people; in whites, melanin production occurs after exposure to the sun (creating a tan), but does not remain permanently in the skin.

Most varieties of mice are rarely out during the day, so they don't need protection from the sun. However, the types that are active during the day – the golden spiny mouse and the sand rat – have black skin in the parts where they are hairless; the black pigment is the melanin.

When animals indigenous to an area with little sun are moved to a place with a hot climate, they can have trouble. The Hereford cow, for example, was imported from England to this country. It has

little pigmentation, so it has been known to get skin cancer.

As a rule, animals native to areas where they live are well adapted to the climate; those that are transplanted from cool, cloudy areas to sunny climates are like people – at higher risk of sunburn and skin cancer if they don't have the advantage of scales, hair or fur.

**Why do some cuts on the skin result in scars, while others heal without scarring?**

Dr. David Enk of the dermatology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem answers:

Whether a wound in the skin results in a scar depends mostly on the depth of the traumatic injury. Less-deep wounds are less likely to cause scarring. It also depends on the location of the cut: those on parts of the body that are subjected to a lot of movement, such as the joints, will scar more than those that do not move much or that are immobilized, as pulling on the wound can promote scarring.

A deep wound that is stitched well will cause less scarring, or even none.

There is also a hereditary element: Some people will scar from almost every cut. Age and nutrition are less important. Old people tend to scar more easily because the ability of their skin to

repair itself is somewhat less effective, but the differences in skin repair between the young and old are not very significant.

**I have been watching a lot of figure skating on cable TV. Why are all the jump-twists and spins carried out in a counterclockwise direction? I can't remember seeing any skater spinning clockwise. Is it an Olympic rule or is there a scientific reason? Herschell, Karkar.**

Dr. Yoni Yarom of the sports medicine department of the Wingate Institute for Physical Education in Netanya replies:

You are partially mistaken in your observations. When figure skaters make a spin on the surface of the ice, they do go counterclockwise – but only because this is the accepted style among figure skaters.

There is no scientific reason for it. When they jump in the air, however, they go either clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on which is their "dominant" leg. Dominance is not determined by whether one is left- or right-handed, however.

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## Premature babies tend to have more problems later at school

HEALTH SCAN  
POST HEALTH REPORTER

**T**HE development of seemingly normal children who were born with a very low birth weight (VLBW) should be carefully followed when they enter school.

Studies show that such youngsters tend to have significantly lower verbal abilities than those born at normal weights, according to doctors in Jerusalem.

Ruth Litt, Adina Joseph and Rena Gale of Bikur Holim Hospital's neonatology department, Shaare Zedek Hospital's neuro-pediatric unit and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School followed up at age six a group of 24 children who were born in 1985 very prematurely.

Comparing them with a control group who were full sized, the researchers found that four had major motor and developmental disabilities.

Those without major disabilities had the same IQ range as the control group, but their verbal performances were poorer.

"These findings point to future learning difficulties and should alert both pediatricians and educators to the importance of long-term follow-up of VLBW children in order to identify and address their specific educational



Children born very prematurely have poorer verbal performance at age six than do full-weight babies. (Ackerman)

needs," the researchers declared in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences*.

Previous studies conducted abroad reached similar conclusions.

The Jerusalem researchers said there was an important connection between low verbal functioning at preschool age and poor verbal functioning when these children reach elementary school.

"In our opinion, it is advisable to direct specific attention at an early age to the field of language in these children."

### PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING ORGAN DONATIONS

The Health Ministry will "consider" a proposal by the Meimad (politically moderate, modern Orthodox) movement to allow potential organ donors to stipulate on their consent card that organs may be taken to save lives "with approval of a halachic authority chosen by the family."

The ministry says it will study the proposal, which Meimad made to increase public willingness to donate organs for transplantation.

Directors of transplant depart-

ments recently met with Meimad leaders, including director-general Yossi Ben-Gal, who presented their proposal. The Meimad activists said the addition to the card registered by the ADI (the Hebrew acronym for the organization that promotes the donation of organs for transplant), which is attached to every driver's license renewal form, would in effect formalize a situation that already exists.

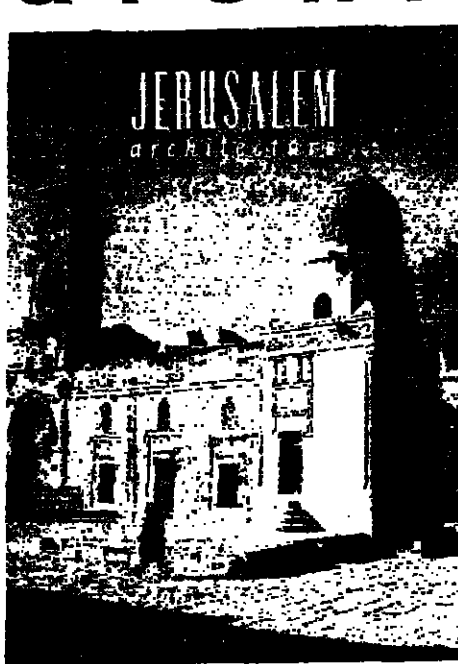
In most cases, families of potential donors are allowed to ask a rabbi before giving their consent. But having this stipulated on the card would ease the decision for many religious Jews whether to register as a potential donor, Ben-Gal said.

The doctors declined to go along with the proposal, however. Ben-Gal said later that some of them apparently had not understood it or were afraid of arousing the ire of the haredi community, which is even more reluctant to donate organs than the moderate Orthodox.

Meimad recently set up a team of doctors, rabbis and lawyers headed by Prof. Shimon Glick of Beersheva's Soroka Hospital to promote transplantation.

Ben-Gal said this team would continue in these efforts and meet with Dr. Pierre Singer, head of the intensive-care department at Beilinson Hospital, who also is the Health Ministry's coordinator on information about organ transplants.

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## Scuttling Madrid

ONE of the central achievements of the Madrid conference was that it overcame Arab resistance to bilateral, direct negotiations with Israel. The achievement was extraordinary, because the root cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the "occupation" of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza - Arab-Israeli wars and Palestinian terrorism preceded the "occupation" - but the refusal of the Arab regimes to recognize Israel's legitimacy. (Even Egypt, which of course recognized Israel 16 years ago, has yet to put Israel on official Egyptian maps.) Syria in particular has always believed that negotiations through intermediaries, or under the auspices of an international conference, would absolve it from having to recognize Israel as a sovereign equal. That it agreed to accept the Madrid formula - which implied such recognition - was a triumph of Israeli tenacity and American diplomacy.

Now this achievement is being frittered away. From the very beginning, the Damascus regime, always the most virulent in its hostility to Israel, made no secret of its resentment for the direct-talks formula. In what seemed like childish maneuvers, its delegation to the peace talks desperately attempted to impart the impression that the talks' nominal sponsors, the US and the USSR (later Russia), were actually active mediators.

But from a Syrian viewpoint, the tactic is not unreasonable. Damascus believes it can use recognition of Israel as a bargaining chip - something it can award Israel in return for concessions. It also knows that a US administration actively involved in the negotiations has a vested interest in their successful conclusion; and since the US has more leverage with Israel than Syria has, it will be eager to pressure Israel to make concessions.

These Syrian assumptions have proved eminently valid. Like all dictators, Hafez Assad is free of internal pressures. Neither the press nor

parliamentary coalition partners nor "peace camps" press him to make progress in the peace process. He can create pressure on Israel by suspending the talks at will, or by activating Hizbullah in Lebanon. He can support terrorist groups active in the areas under Israel's control and threaten war if Israel does not make peace on Syrian terms. And he can also insist that the talks be conducted through American mediation rather than in face-to-face negotiations.

Had the Israeli government insisted that the Madrid formula be followed, chances are the Syrians, in need of American aid and trade, would acquiesce. But Assad has been shrewd enough to realize that the government's eagerness to sign an agreement before the 1996 election gives it little room to maneuver and no will to insist on anything. With typical cunning he has managed to convert the direct talks into shuttle diplomacy negotiations, thus placing negotiations for a permanent peace on the level of an armistice agreement.

It is within this context that Secretary of State Warren Christopher's achievement in Damascus yesterday, the announcement of a future meeting of the Syrian and Israeli chiefs of staff, must be viewed. The meeting will not be held in conjunction with high-level Israeli-Syrian talks, but as an exchange of views by technicians on ideas presented by the US mediators. And the disagreements will have to be ironed out by the Americans in another shuttle round.

That the current government is favored by the US, and that Christopher wishes to help it get reelected by implying that only Rabin and Peres can bring peace, is hardly surprising. This is the first government that has agreed to follow the US Middle East agenda by withdrawing from virtually all territories won in 1967. But it is highly doubtful the "warm peace" which Christopher says Assad wants can be achieved through US mediation, with Israel held at arm's length from the negotiations.

## Stalinist haggling

THE United States and North Korea reportedly closed the gap yesterday in their long, drawn-out talks on the North's nuclear program. No details of the agreement have been revealed so far, but it will come as no surprise to anyone if the obtuse North Koreans find another catalogue of demands and objections to strew on the path to implementing anything.

The current round of talks, basically aimed at persuading the destitute Stalinist state to abandon its attempts to produce nuclear weapons, have dragged on since May 20. They have labored under a typically dictatorial threat - that the North would begin reprocessing 8,000 nuclear fuel rods it has held in storage since last year. These elements could yield enough plutonium for several warheads.

Why this poverty-stricken joke of a totalitarian state has ever wanted to join the nuclear-weapons club is a mystery to any person of reason - the answer can only be megalomania or criminally inclined international blackmail. Indeed, the threat to renew plutonium production has clearly been blackmail in itself and a crude attempt to extract another billion dollars from the West by dropping new demands into the talks.

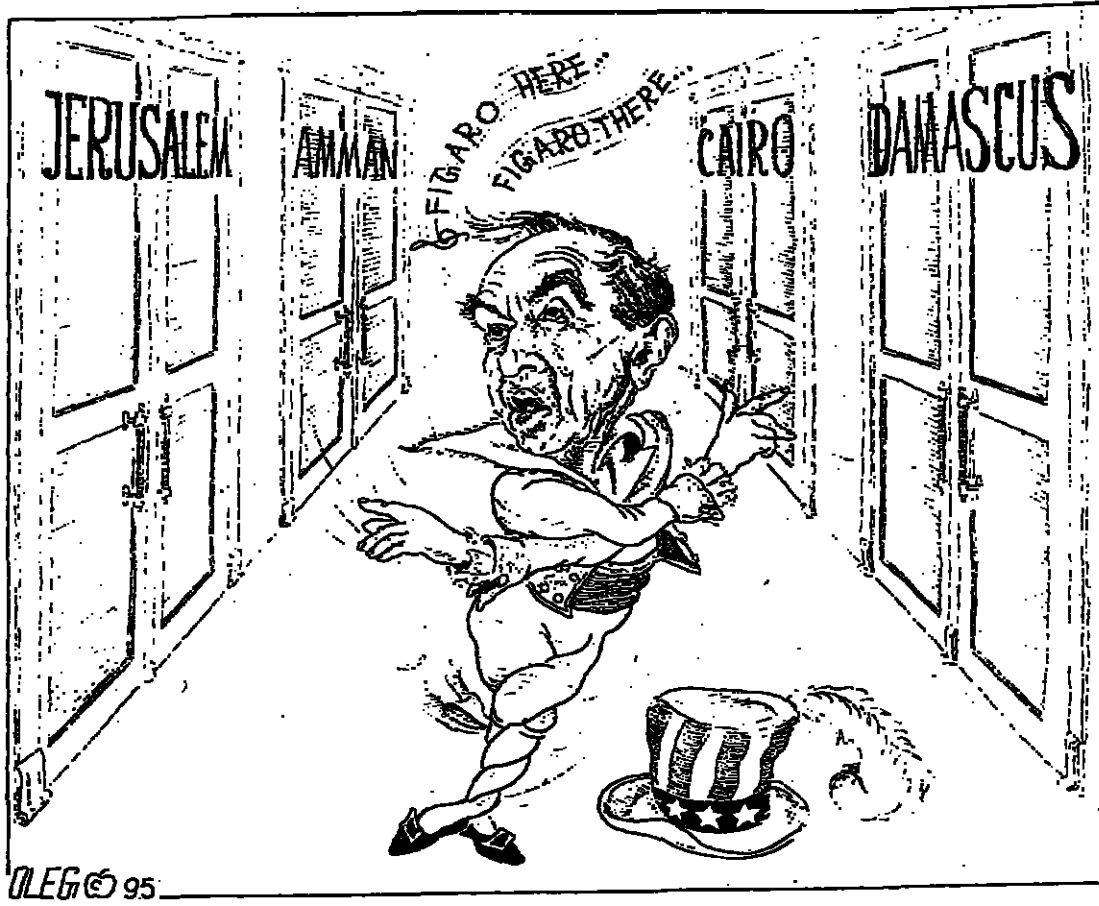
Under the provisional accord made with North Korea last October, Washington agreed to head an international consortium - including China, Russia, Germany, Japan, and South Korea - to finance two light-water reactors for Pyongyang. These would replace the conten-

tious graphite reactors the North has been using to divert weapons-grade plutonium in breach of its membership of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. This was a most generous offer - too generous, according to South Korea and some Republican critics of the Clinton administration.

The generosity didn't stop the North Koreans from quibbling that they would not accept South Korean light-water reactors, and in any case wanted the deal to include lots of expensive add-on goodies. In the past weeks, the North has grudgingly conceded that only South Korean reactors make sense, but has asked for an extra \$1 billion in technical and other aid in exchange for this political "concession." The United States rightly rejected this attempt to expand a nuclear safety agreement into an open-ended package of handouts for the North.

While this would-be nuclear power has been haggling with Washington, reports have surfaced that it has been begging secretly from the hated South for rice to feed its impoverished people. North Korea also asked Japan last month for emergency rice aid, finally admitting the long-promulgated lie that the communist dictatorship is a roaring economic success.

The nuclear agreement is probably necessary for the safety of North Korea's neighbors and the rest of the world, but Pyongyang will really do itself and the international community a real favor only when it abandons its tiresome communist ideology and joins the rest of civilization in the 20th century.



## When you're 64 or more

PINCHAS LANDAU

THAT Israel, along with the entire Western world, is facing a pension crisis is hardly news. That we, along with many other countries, are being forced to do something about it is a more recent and quite dramatic development.

The source of the problem is that the assumptions that underlay the social security systems established in the postwar world have become badly outdated.

Fifty years ago, it was reasonable to assume that working men could retire at 65 and live off the pensions they had accumulated during their working lives for their remaining years because, on the average, they didn't have many remaining years.

Furthermore, it was reasonable to assume that sovereign states would have no trouble meeting the obligations they had undertaken by promising state-funded pensions.

Given an expanding workforce and a growing economy, the tax base would carry the burden.

In the 1990s, the world is a very different place. Life expectancy in advanced countries has climbed from the upper 60s to the mid to upper 70s, with women still outliving men. The demographic problem has been further aggravated by the swelling ranks of retirees being offset by a shortage of new young entrants into the labor force.

Worst of all, the welfare state has outstripped its ability to finance itself, and national governments' accumulated borrowing stands economic growth in their countries.

The logical solutions to these developments are: a) to raise retirement ages; b) to raise employees' contributions to pay for their retirement; c) to reduce the extent of retirement benefits; and, d) to end state-run budgetary pension schemes and make everyone save for his or her own pension.

However, each of these solutions, or any combination of them, is certain to spark intense opposition from the mass of working people who have been led to believe they can have their cake and eat it for a decade or two after they stop work.

The clear prospect of electoral oblivion that faced any government anywhere foolhardy enough to enter the pension mine field has been more than sufficient to en-

courage democratic governments of all stripes to ignore the problem.

And since, by its very nature, the looming pensions crisis has matured only over several decades, this head-in-the-sand "solution" was all too easy.

Eventually, however, the demographic trends and the pressures generated by international financial markets forced governments to sit up and pay serious attention to the problem.

BY INTERNATIONAL standards, Israel's pensions crisis is relatively mild, because the demo-

intense public debate and furious lobbying activity from various groups holding contrary opinions, is viewed by professional economists as the single most serious currently identifiable threat to economic growth over the long term.

This assessment is rooted in the government's agreement to allow the pension funds to invest 70 percent of their inflow in nontradable government bonds that will yield a guaranteed real (i.e. after-inflation) interest rate of 5 percent a year. Overall, the government has set a floor of not less than 3 percent real interest on the pension funds' total investment portfolio.

When one considers that the average real interest rate paid by US government bonds over the last 70 years is 1.5 percent, it becomes clear that the yield promised by the Israeli government is well above any feasible long-term market rate.

Savers will therefore put as much as possible into these protected and subsidized pension funds, to the detriment of other savings vehicles (provident funds are already hemorrhaging), while the private sector will have to pay a high price for the limited pool of capital left over by the government.

In short, the process of capital market reform, which has been the most successful and probably the most important structural reform in the economy over the last decade, will be reversed - perhaps completely eradicated - if the government's current plans are implemented.

The bitter irony is that in the worst-case scenario, in which the government insists on proclaiming a long-term guarantee for pension fund savings, investments will fall, unemployment will rise, and the growth needed to pay for the pensions will not be achieved. Only heavy taxation or massive borrowing, both at unsupportable levels, will allow future governments to continue meeting their obligations to future pensioners.

There is, therefore, no way in which today's 40-60 generation will benefit from the new pension reform, whose primary aim is to "guarantee" its future well-being.

There can be no free lunch. But, as usual, there is plenty of demand for one.

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If you're contemplating a long, comfortable retirement, don't rely on a state-guaranteed pension to provide it

graphic balance between young and old is much healthier.

However, the rapidly worsening actuarial position of the Histadrut pension funds (meaning that these funds promised far more to their members than their contributions could reasonably pay for down the road), and the demand to end the Histadrut's monopoly on pension fund management, forced matters to a head.

In the best Israeli tradition, the government took up the gauntlet by appointing a committee of experts.

The Fogel committee on pension fund reform, headed by then Treasury director-general Aharon Fogel, duly submitted a report which - despite proposing compromise, almost stop-gap, measures - was nevertheless based on serious analysis of the complex social, economic, and financial concerns involved in the pensions issue.

Having received the report, the government proceeded to ignore most of its recommendations.

The pension reform plan approved by the cabinet in late March, since then the subject of

## The right man

SARA MARTIN

IT starts as soon as you get here. "Are you married? Are you on your own? Do you want an introduction?"

I think of myself as normal. An attractive, intelligent, lively DJF (as the ads would have it). Just like plenty more where I come from in England: sometimes sad, often happy, but first and foremost an individual, a woman in my own right.

In Europe there have been decades of hard-won freedom. Women have fought against being persona grata only if they are linked with a man. Baby-production, devotion to raising a family, lasting relationships - these are certainly still options, but there are many others.

Some women - and men - deliberately choose lifestyles that don't embrace these conventions. Others have no option but to face the reality of alternative experience. But accepting and being accepted for who we can be without a partner has become a recognized stage of growth.

How come, then, that in Israel I feel oppressed by the concern that I won't find the right man? Only here it isn't my liberal English family who are on my back, it's the whole country.

It's the nice lady in the bread shop where I buy my halla on Fridays, and get concerned along with my change. It's the man in the health food store, who is sure I'd be much healthier if I were married. It's in the obvious joy of the friend who did meet the right man, in the "please God you should have such happiness" at her wedding.

At home I have no difficulty feeling as human as my married friends. I see how we all have our own problems.

Partners can bring stress and loneliness. Children can be more of a disappointment than no family at all. Ultimately it's individ-

## Israeli society seems to turn single people into sad misfits

ual happiness and achievement that matters.

I'm sad at the way, here, I have to be seen primarily as someone's prospective wife. And I'm affronted at the way this attitude undermines my attempts to have confidence in myself as a single person. I'm worried at how Israeli society seems to have little place for the unmarried, seems to turn single people into sad misfits.

"Nobody really likes to be alone." "The right partner can bring so much joy." "Of course I want a long-lasting, secure marriage." In every section of society there's an unerring freedom to voice these traditional feelings, so anachronistic elsewhere.

SO NOW I'm thoroughly confused.

My comfortable old way of dealing with being single (I'll muddle through, the right person may come along, meanwhile I'm fine as I am) has been replaced by the disquieting urge to find The Right One. Here the quest is openly admissible, the hunt all-consuming.

What's so disturbing is that I'm being forced to ask: Is marriage, as in the happy-ever-after childhood stories, the only real way to bliss?

Most modern societies have succeeded in demolishing this ideal. But in Israel the idea of male-female partnership seems neither a naive teenage dream nor a societal mode.

It has to do with the possibility of real union, of salvation, fulfillment of the promise that has always existed as part of the national and religious heritage.

This quaint, ridiculous, infuriating, disturbing faith in the living reality of marital unity just might be more than a nice idea for the lucky, or the bored. Here I increasingly suspect that it provides a pretty major chance to live in spiritual harmony.

To feel confident and contented living alone, I'll have to go back to England.

Meanwhile: Yes, please - I'll take all the introductions I can get.

The writer is a British journalist spending a year in Israel.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ISRAELI DEBATERS

Sir, - In criticizing the appalling *Popolitica* show (Letters, June 6), reader M. Peggy suggests putting Dan Margalit "through a course in debate like the one they have at Oxford University."

Margalit needs to go so far. He could have visited the Rene Cassin school in Jerusalem recently to watch the finals of the Israel Schools Debating Competition organized by Siah veSag - The Israel Debating Society - with the support of Bank Hapoalim. Teams from eight schools, including in the Arab sector, competed against each other in public debate fast and furiously - but with panache, style and intelligence, while listening to the other speakers, in front of a vociferous and enthusiastic crowd of some 500 supporters.

Messrs. Margalit, Lapid, Dankner, et al. are warmly invited to attend some of our courses held for thousands of schoolchildren of all ages throughout the country. They might even enjoy hearing civilized debaters in action, and they would certainly learn something.

ASHER WEILL,  
Chairman,  
Siah veSag, the Israel  
Debating Society  
Jerusalem.

### JERUSALEM DAY

Sir, - Unlike David Margolis, I can find no resemblance between the "jostling" of an Arab couple by an ill-mannered Jewish youth on a Jerusalem Day parade to the Western Wall and Cossack brutality towards the Jews in 17th-century Eastern Europe ("Jewish gifts that could be lost," May 26). It is also disturbing that Mr. Margolis chooses to make use of this puerile incident to try to prove that "occupation corrupts the occupier." This attempt is not only distasteful, but his implication that the Old City of Jerusalem is "occupied" territory is wholly unacceptable.

There is no part of Jerusalem that is "occupied." The remarkable 3000-year-old attachment of the Jewish people to Jerusalem is unique in the annals of history. No other nation has a more legitimate claim to their capital city than the Jews have to Jerusalem. Jerusalem Day marches are obliged to respect Arab feelings. This despite the fact that on that day we recall the shocking disrespect shown for Jewish holy sites under Jordanian rule (1948-1967).

There is no reason why Israeli Arabs should not also celebrate Jerusalem Day, which marks the restoration of their freedom to worship in their holy mosques on the Temple

Mount, a right denied them for 19 years by the Jordanians.

Mr. Margolis considers the liberation of East Jerusalem by Israel in 1967 a "national disaster" for the Arabs. The only real "calamity" which befell the Arabs in 1967 - and which Mr. Margolis ignores - was that forces of five Arab nations did not succeed in their acknowledged aim of destroying the State of Israel.

NAOMI SCHENDOWICH  
Jerusalem.

### AVID READER

Sir, - As a new immigrant from Australia and not knowing much Hebrew, I am an avid reader of the Post. I am also an Orthodox Jew much at variance with most of my friends, because I do not follow the generally right-wing sentiments of your paper, though in fairness I must say you try at times to present the opposite point of view.

I was delighted to see that you have a member of your editorial staff who is indeed a realist. I refer to Abraham Rabinovich, who wrote an excellent article on Jerusalem on May 19. May I suggest more articles by this journalist, which will satisfy most of us who, with trepidation, still support the actions of our government.

Netanya.

DAVID BIBER

## POSTSCRIPTS

GREAT MOMENTS in American legal history: a former prisoner is suing the jail because it refused to provide him with dental floss.

Richard Loritz, 31, said he developed four cavities during the three months he was held in a San Diego prison because he could not floss. He wants to be reimbursed \$2,000 for dental expenses.

"Despite several requests, the sheriff's deputies did not provide me with dental floss, which is a medical necessity to prevent cavities," Loritz wrote in a claim.

A former law student, Loritz will stand trial for the shooting of his ex-girlfriend.

It is against jail policy to give or sell dental floss because it could be used as a weapon, though inmates can ask for a medical visit and have their teeth flossed by a dentist.

### PENFRIENDS

BILLY HUGH CAMPBELL II (30), of 1550 Old Sagesse Ferry Road, Chuckey, Tennessee 37641, US, is married and the father of a one-year-old girl. He wants Israeli penfriends in order to learn more about our history and land.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Smoking is not only allowed at this San Francisco club, it's encouraged - as long as it's marijuana. The Cannabis Buyer's Club was established to give people with medical problems such as AIDS or cancer access to marijuana to help combat nausea and lack of appetite.

# Bosnian crisis transcends powers

BY LEON WIESELTIER

There is another Bosnian crisis this week. Not in Bosnia, of course. In Bosnia things are the same, only more so. No, the crisis is taking place in the capitals of the Western powers, which are finding it harder and harder to escape the consequences of their policy of appeasement. The doves, you might say, are coming home to roost.

Here is what happened recently. The Serbs moved heavy weapons closer to Sarajevo and fired upon it. They have done so before. NATO issued warnings. It has done so before. The Serbs ignored the warnings. They have done so before. NATO launched a trivial attack against a Serb position. It has done so before. The Serbs responded by taking U.N. troops hostage. They have done so before.

Two conclusions are being drawn from the success of the Serbs. The first is that the use of force has failed. "The Bosnian Serbs have now trumped our ace," as former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger told *The Washington Post*. Eagleburger's pronouncement is utterly self-serving: the man was one of the architects of American appeasement in the Bush administration.

Though the West has occasionally acted militarily against the Serbs in Bosnia, the West's response has been fundamentally unmilitary. No sustained air campaign against the war-making ability of the Serbs in Bosnia was ever really considered. Like NATO's previous strikes, NATO's recent strike was more a demonstration of inhibition than a demonstration of the lack of it. This was not what the Serbs were fearing. Indeed, it was what they were counting on. This trifling retort to the Serbs' violation of the Sarajevo arrangement played right into the Serbs' hands: It was a military response so predictably puny that it could serve only as a pretext for a Serb provocation. It also reassured the Serbs that they will never experience punishments proportionate to their crimes.

The second conclusion is that we must act forcefully against the Serbs to help... the United Nations. The ministers of the Contact Group (including the foreign minister of Russia, who must have been chuckling) announced at The Hague that they intended to expand the size of the U.N. mission and to fortify it with heavier weapons, just as it has been fortified before. They said nothing about the nature of the mission itself. For all with eyes to see, of course, the essential absurdity of the U.N. mission was made brutally plain last week.

It cannot have escaped the notice of our policymakers that the U.N. is providing cover for the Serbs, except that the U.N. is providing cover for our policymakers, too. It saves them from the prospect of action. That is why the plight of the U.N. stirs them more than the plight of Bosnia. And nobody is less stirred by the plight of Bosnia than the aloof Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who put an early damper on international outrage when he called this a "rich man's war." The Bosnians, he said, were less deserving than those under siege, by hunger and by arms, in Africa. And the United States followed the secretary general's recommendation. We sent troops to Somalia and we sent no troops to Bosnia.

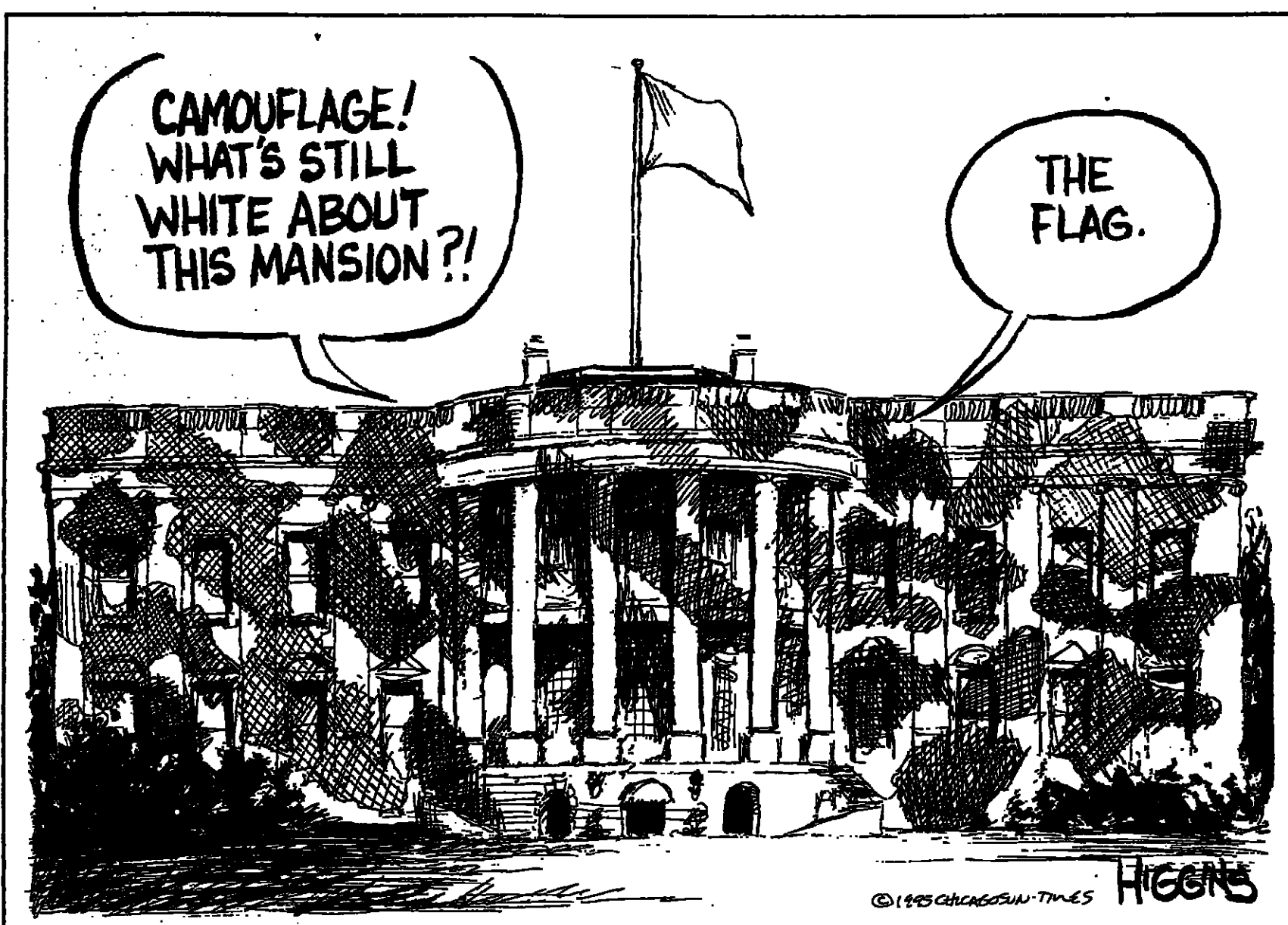
It is hard to think of a major crisis since the Second World War in which the president of the United States has wielded less moral and political authority. There are 22,470 U.N. troops in Bosnia, from 18 countries. Britain has 3,565 men under arms; France has 3,835; Pakistan has 2,978. The United States has none, and the Clinton administration, when it isn't denouncing the Republicans as isolationists, regularly boasts about it. In such circumstances, it is impossible for the president of the United States to lead.

Does Clinton grasp that there is evil in the world? And does he understand that he is not the governor of the United States? It is a requirement of his job that he care about matters beyond our borders, matters like war and genocide and the general collapse of America's role in the world, matters that will not gain him a point in the polls. The joke on Clinton is that he is almost certainly about to be hoist by his own isolationism. The result of the Bosnia policy that was designed to spare the United States all costs in lives and dollars may be a U.N. "extraction operation" that will require the deployment of many thousands of American troops and the expense of many millions of American dollars. And Bosnia will have been destroyed. Nice work.

It is time to conclude this sinister farce. The U.N. should get out of the way. Its forces must be withdrawn, so that the Serbs may no longer hide behind them, and then the Bosnians must be armed, so that they can fight their own fight, which is all that they are asking to do. Withdraw and strike, lift and strike. Obviously this is not as simple as it sounds. The withdrawal of the U.N. will mean war; and unless NATO provides protection from the air, for the departing U.N. troops and for the training Bosnian troops, the U.N. withdrawal will expose the Bosnians to the Serbs as brusquely as it will expose the Serbs to the Bosnians, and Bosnia will fall. But there already is war and Bosnia already is falling. Anyway, Bill Clinton and Boutros Boutros-Ghali and John Major and the rest are not keeping the U.N. in Bosnia to spare it horror. They can live with its horror. They are keeping the U.N. in Bosnia to spare themselves a reckoning with their own failure. For it is they who ordained that Bosnia become a place where it is always too late for justice.

*By the editors of The New Republic*

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# Term Limits

## Question may spur constitutional convention

**BY ROBERT NOVAK**

**W**ASHINGTON - As Republican members of Congress uncrossed their fingers in gratitude that the Supreme Court had taken them off the hook, people who really care about term limits met to ponder a new tactic: a constitutional convention.

That course is dictated by House Republican leaders' decision not to pursue term limits. They signaled their ennui by ignoring GOP strategist William Kristol's proposal to pass a states-rights constitutional amendment before the 1996 election.

Collecting the 34 states needed to convene the first constitutional convention since 1787 might seem a Sisyphean task. But 29 state legislatures have called for a convention to adopt a balanced budget amendment - could not the two issues be joined?

Kristol thinks they can and is not worried about a runaway convention. But Howie Rich, president of U.S. Term Limits, wants to start from scratch. His lawyers cite a footnote in the court decision, which asserts that there is no difference in "validity" between state legislative and direct popular action. That is a green light for summoning a convention through voter initiatives rather than having to win over 34 legislatures.

The recourse to a convention may be required because the Supreme Court has joined Congress in blocking popular aspirations. On no

issue are fault lines so clear between the people and the elite. Particularly egregious have been Republican leaders, who profess to be supporters.

The most devastating blow was delivered by the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision. Its definitive judgment that term limits in any form are unconstitutional doomed alternative plans to temporarily deny ballot access for veteran incumbents or to require candidates to sign a pledge of limited

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service. If ever there was judicial legislation, this was it. Justice John Paul Stevens, who has spent two decades since nomination by Republican Gerald Ford finding invisible writing in the Constitution, ruled that its "democratic principles" would be violated by state referenda imposing congressional term limits.

The dissent by Clarence Thomas affirmed that he and Antonin Scalia are the only justices who always see just what is written in the Constitution. "Nothing in the Constitution

deprives the people of each state of the power to prescribe eligibility requirements for the candidates who seek to represent them in Congress," Thomas said.

That assertion has been transmogrified by New York Times Supreme Court reporter Linda Greenhouse into a warning that the court nearly destroyed the federal system and returned to the unworkable Articles of Confederation. But what Thomas would return to is not 1787 but 1933 at the earliest.

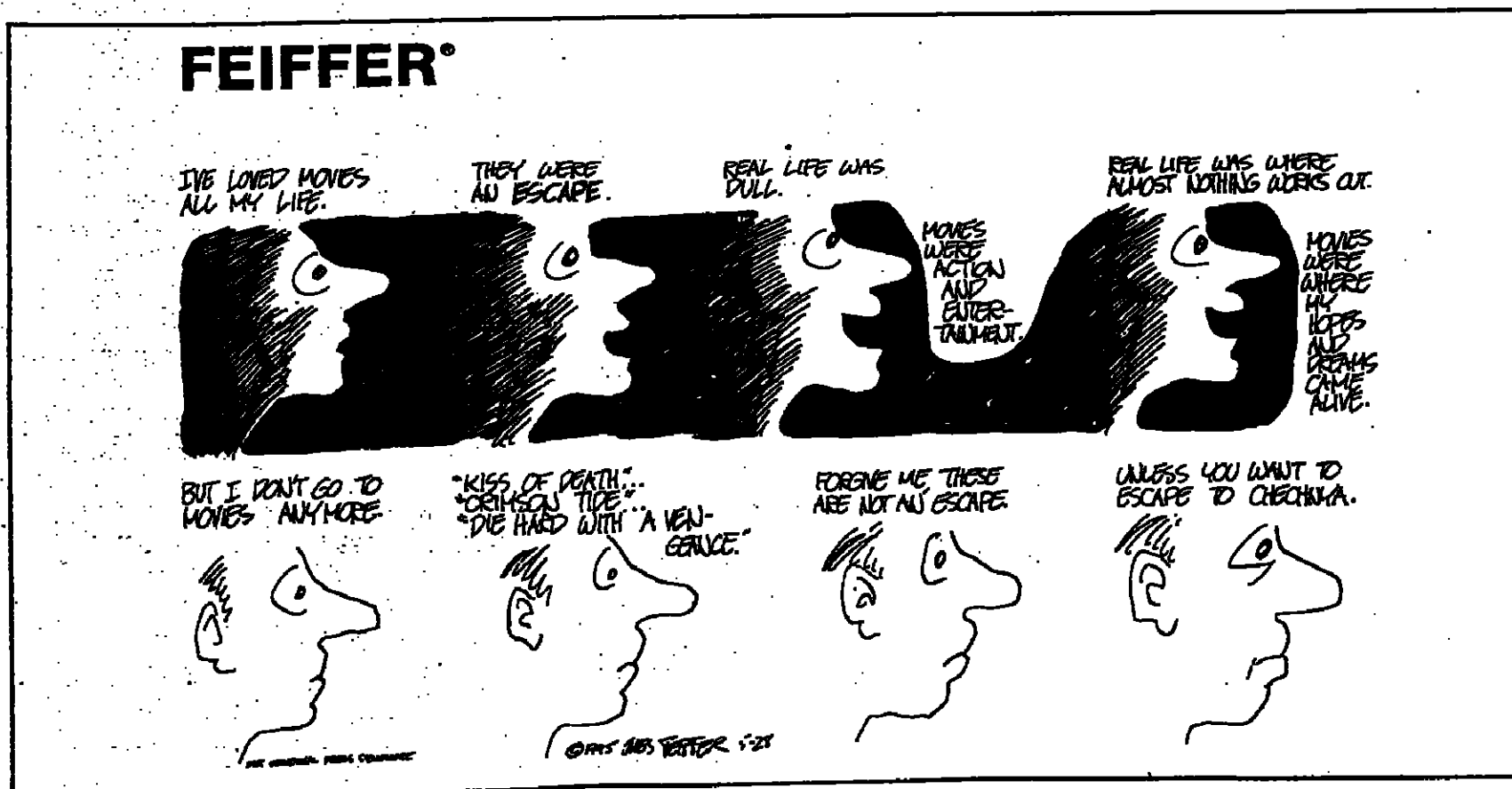
The court's decision led Kristol to issue his last "memorandum to Republican leaders." He requested "a quick vote" on a constitutional amendment that would let each state set its own qualifications. That, said Kristol, would "demonstrate Republican adherence to our stated goals."

What was demonstrated was Republican hypocrisy. House Speaker Newt Gingrich reserves his most hostile fire for U.S. Term Limits and other critics.

Former House Speaker Thomas Foley, driven from office for opposing term limits, has said voters eventually will lose interest in this question and politicians will triumph. The Republicans, less openly, make the same wager. If they wind up at a constitutional convention, they will have lost their bet.

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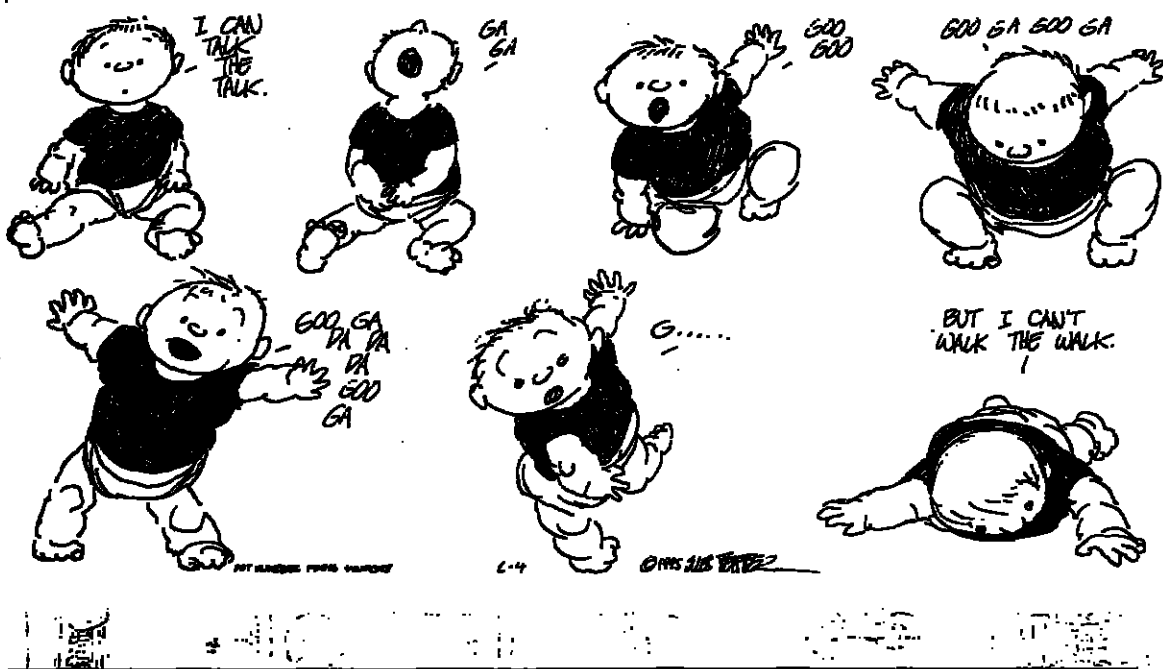




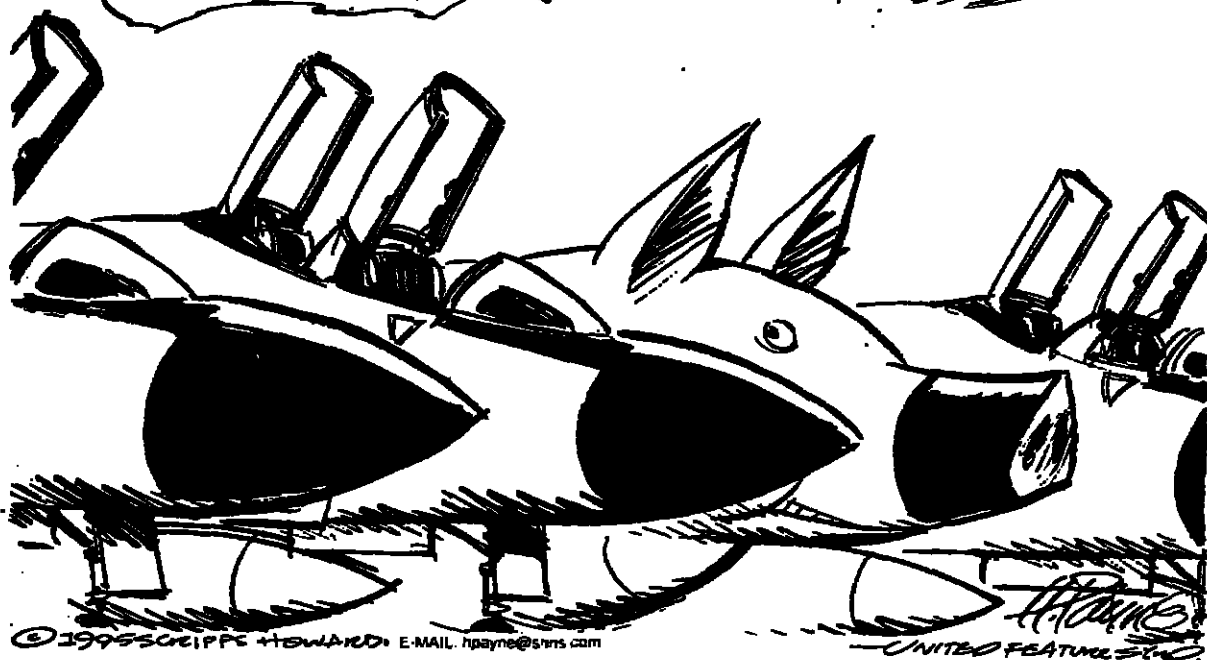
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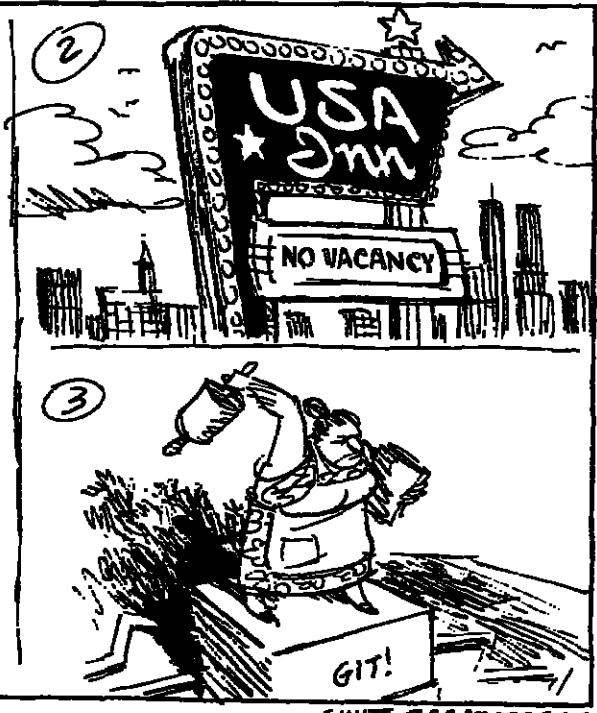


NEWS ITEM - Congress sneaks domestic pork-barrel spending into Defense Bill.



Sketchbook

A NATIONAL SCRIPPS HOWARD POLL FINDS 63% OF AMERICANS NO LONGER AGREE WITH THE STATUE OF LIBERTY INSCRIPTION: "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE." HEREWITH, SOME ALTERNATIVES:



## Docudrama reveals tragic child molestation

BY RUTH SHALIT

Indictment. HBO's ripped-from-the-headlines docudrama about the seven-year trial over charges of child molestation at the McMartin Preschool in Manhattan Beach, Calif., has been running for several weeks on the premium cable channel. "Powerful and provocative," raved The Boston Herald. "Comparisons to the O.J. trial will be inevitable." One hardly needs to look west, however, for a present-day analogue to the McMartin melodrama. A parallel travesty is unfolding in Malden, Mass., in the Herald's own backyard.

In 1985, the Amirault family was accused and convicted of sexually abusing and torturing some 40 children between the ages of 3 and 6 who attended their Fells Acres Day School. Seventy-two-year-old Violet Amirault and her daughter, Cheryl, are currently serving up to 20 years in prison for the crime. Violet's son, Gerald "Tooky" Amirault, is serving up to 40 years. All three have maintained they are totally innocent of all the charges.

The Amiraults' plight has been meticulously documented by Dorothy Rabinowitz in a series of long editorials for The Wall Street Journal. It is impossible to read her columns without feeling that a clear miscarriage of justice has occurred.

It was Labor Day 1984 when the allegations against the Fells Acres day care center began to unfold. They started with one 5-year-old boy complaining that his "pants had been pulled down." Soon, the state department of social services was questioning the boy, who proved unable to say anything more about what had happened. Yet based on that information alone, Gerald Amirault, who worked as an administrator and handyman at the school, was arrested and taken into custody. In retrospect, the incident looks to be entirely innocent. According to a teacher, Gerald had changed the boy into fresh clothes after he wet his bed at naptime, then sent him home with his wet underpants in a plastic bag. But Amirault was never questioned by police.

Panic spread as 80 couples were called to the police station and warned that their children had been abused. The parents were told to look for "danger signs" such as bed-wetting, thumb-sucking and bad dreams. They were told to grill their children about magic rooms, secret rooms and clowns — all hallmarks of headline-making abuse trials across the country — and to ask their children whether the Amiraults "had touched them in certain places." The techniques used to determine whether sexual abuse has occurred have evolved considerably since the mid-'80s; it's now clear that such leading instructions to parents are a terrible mistake. In the Fells Acres case, they not only prejudiced the parents, they hopelessly contaminated the case by introducing the concept of a "magic room" and "bad clown" to the children through the parents, instead of the other way around.

The Fells Acres students were then steered to pediatric nurse Susan Kelly, a maven of recovered memory who had researched and

written on subjects such as nationwide satanic conspiracies and their ceremonies of so-called "ritual abuse." The transcripts of the children's interviews are truly astonishing. They clearly show that Kelly, a graduate student in psychology, led the children into their accusations. A highly suggestive interviewing technique, designed for cases where abuse was already an established fact, was used even though no evidence of abuse existed. Brandishing handfuls of anatomically correct dolls, with hypertrophied genitalia, Kelly pleaded with the children to incriminate their teachers.

By the time the Fells Acres children had concluded their regimen of therapeutic dousing, Gerald Amirault, the father of two and expecting a third, stood revealed as a devotee of sado-masochistic scenarios too gruesome to be believed. Students told of a "magic room," analogous to a torture chamber, in which "Tooky" would rape them with magic wands and force them to drink urine. Violet Amirault, for years a

**"All the research on the suggestibility of children shows that little children, especially preschool children, are phenomenally suggestible," says Richard Ofshe, a professor of social psychology.**

symbol of rectitude in her community, emerged as a co-conspirator in these marathon sessions of sexual torture; according to the children, "Miss Vi" was really "a robot like R2D2 from Star Wars" who flashed green lights and bit the children "on the arm" if they did not comply with sex. Violet's daughter Cheryl was really a "bad clown" who would "throw fire around the room" as she abused the children.

As the children's stories ascended into the surrealistic stratosphere, an out-of-control tabloid press fed the frenzy. "abuser is jack-of-all-trades at the tots' school," shrieked a Boston Herald headline. Another paper featured "Victim Profiles" of "The Tragic Young" ("Is he ever going to be normal again?... What's she going to be like as a teenager?"). Never mind that no teacher at Fells Acres had ever heard of a magic room or been denied access to any room in the building. Or that the kids seemed to like the Amiraults, despite what was alleged to be happening. Or that a girl who had supposedly had a 12-inch butcher's knife inserted into her displayed no symptoms or qualms, aside from thumb-sucking. That, in fact, none of the children had any signs of wounds or blood or visible signs of scarring, according to medical records introduced at trial.

The prosecution thought it had a motive: child pornography. The Malden Police Department combed the Amiraults' home and school for evidence. They even seized 29 photographs from the day care center. Alas, as the press

glumly reported, the snapshots showed only "normal scenes," like kids playing on the swingset and in the schoolyard. Nevertheless, at trial the prosecution called as a witness a postal inspector John Dunn to titillate the jury with detailed descriptions of child pornography. He was followed by a parade of young witnesses in cotton dresses, ankle socks and parent-leather shoes. In the innovative, child-friendly courtroom, they were permitted to face the jury, not the accused, as they clutched their Cabbage Patch Kids and talked of secret trips, magic wands and underground tunnels of molestation.

A stone-faced jury convicted the Amiraults on all charges. At his sentencing hearing, Gerald Amirault, a small man with a large forehead, made an emotional plea for leniency. "I am not a child molester," he said. "I am a man who never so much as raised his voice to a child at Fells Acres." Gulping back sobs, he turned to the parents of the alleged victims. "I can look each one of you in the eye and say: I never harmed your children." The sentencing judge, unmoved, imposed the maximum sentence.

The interviewing techniques and investigative methods used to indict the Amiraults, techniques so fashionable in the '80s, have come under fire in the '90s. A 1993 study of 800 children aged 4 to 6 showed that repeated questioning over time dramatically increases the likelihood of false reports of abuse. "All the research on the suggestibility of children shows that little children, especially preschool children, are phenomenally suggestible," says Richard Ofshe, a professor of social psychology at Berkeley who has studied extreme forms of influence. The use of anatomically correct dolls has also been questioned. Controlled studies have shown a margin of error so high as to render the dolls useless.

Meanwhile, the mental health counselors appointed by the state of Massachusetts to work with the Amiraults have warned the governor in a letter that a "miscarriage of justice" has occurred. They suspect the Amiraults are innocent and hope for a commutation. Unfortunately, the Amiraults probably aren't going anywhere. William Weld, Massachusetts' crime-busting governor, is said to be sensitive to charges that he is soft on child molesters. The Amiraults haven't helped matters any by continuing to vigorously deny the allegations against them. According to parole documents obtained by The Boston Globe, the commonwealth is committed to keeping the family locked up "until such time" as they "take responsibility." This the Amiraults have refused to do.

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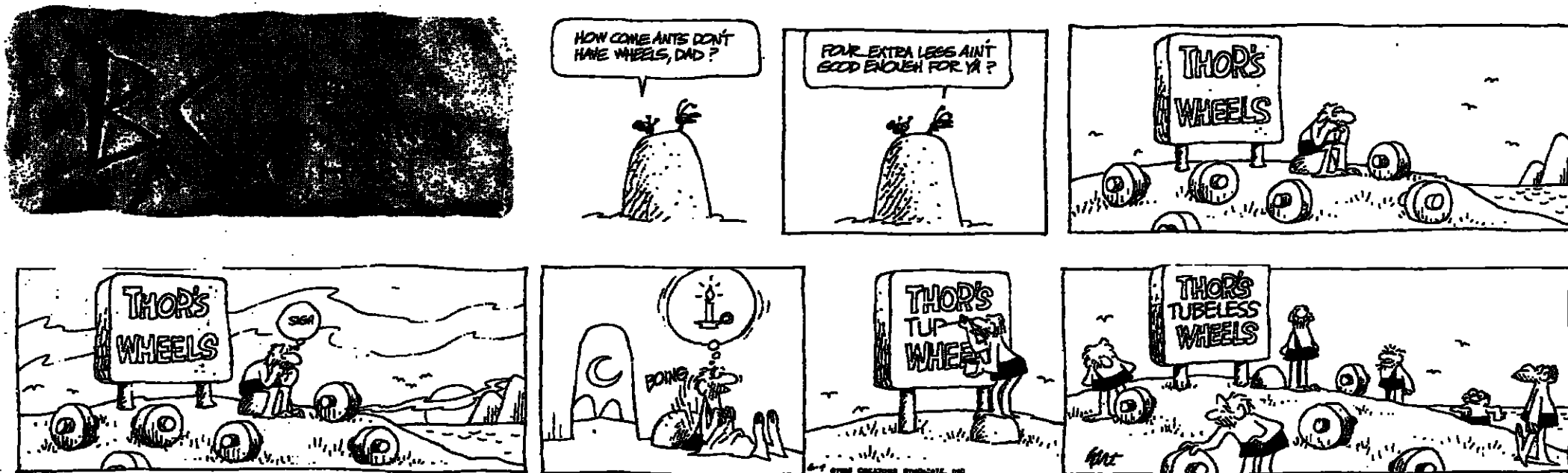
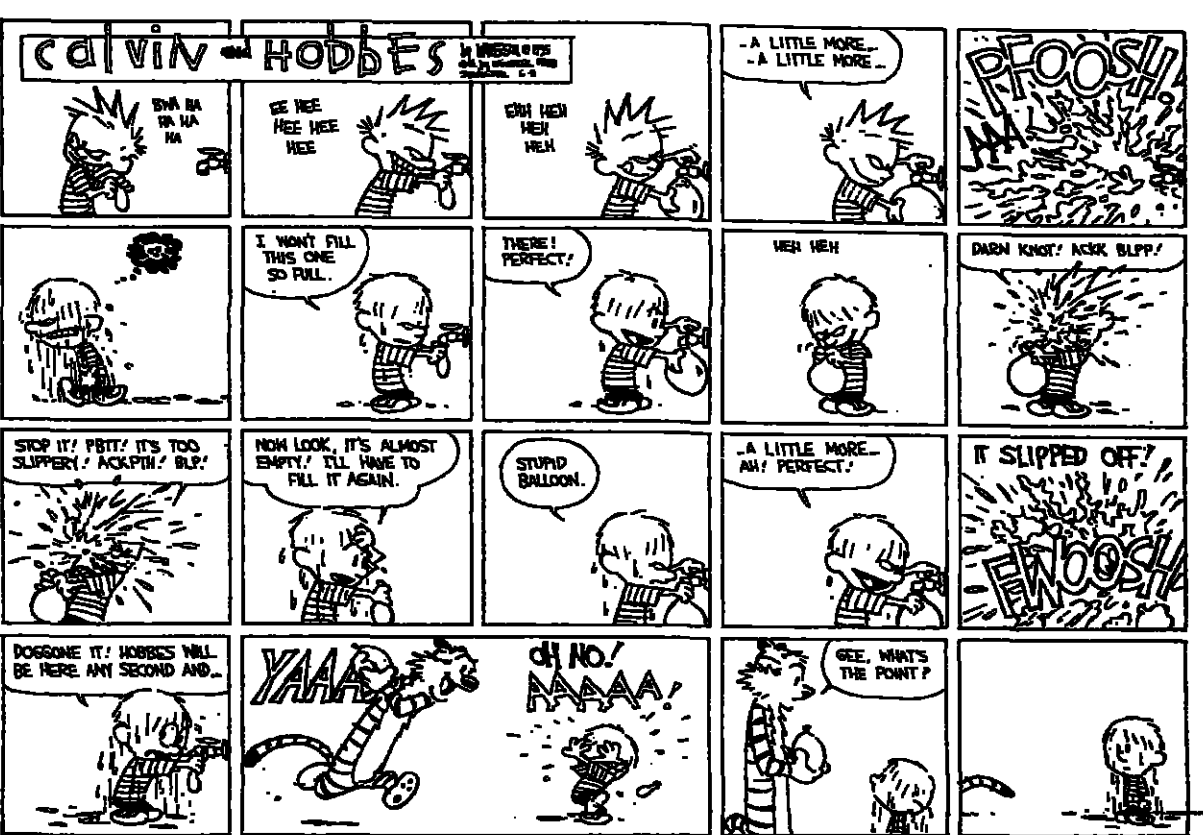
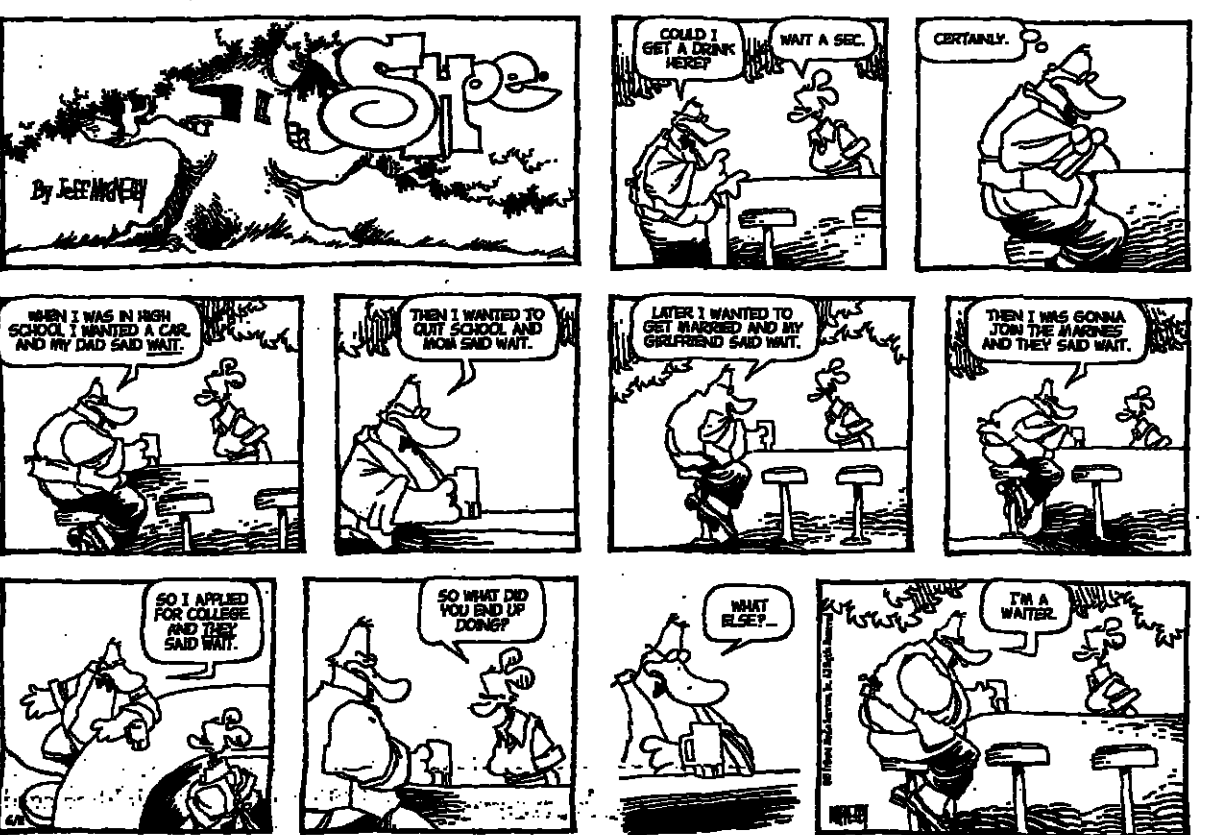
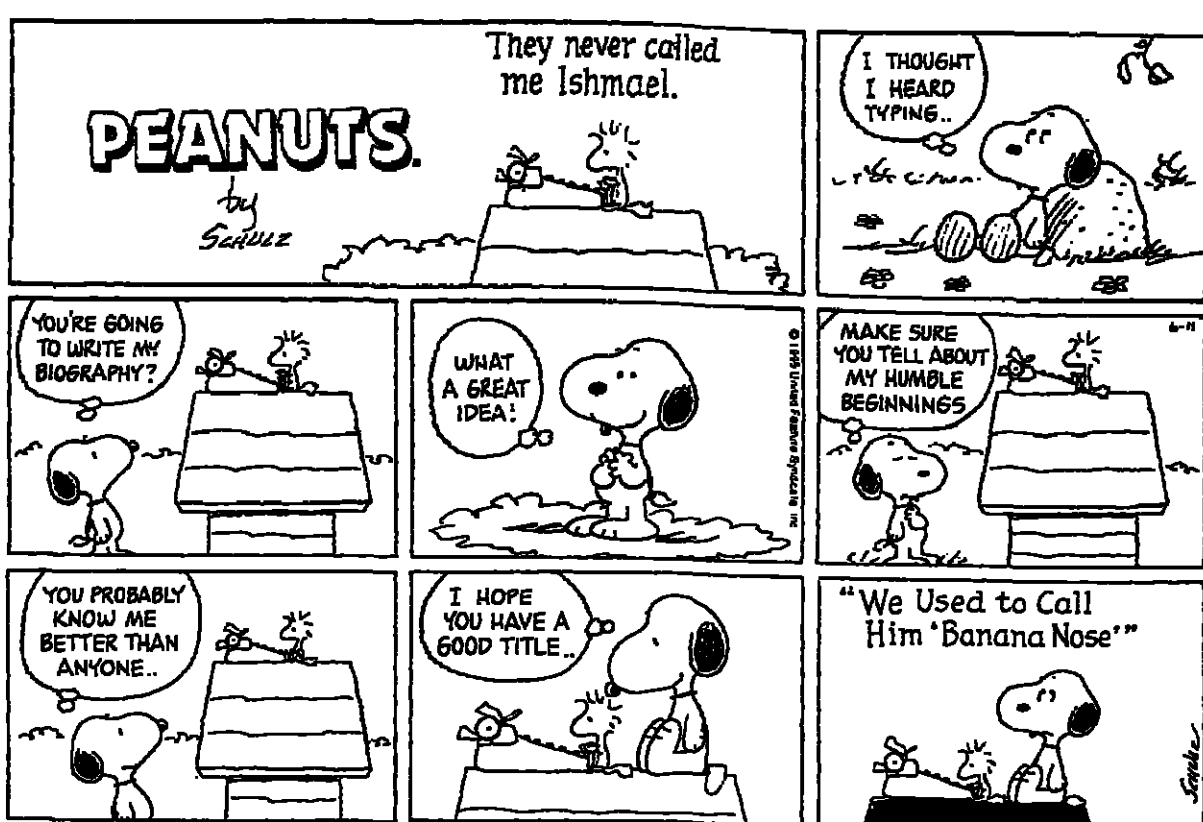
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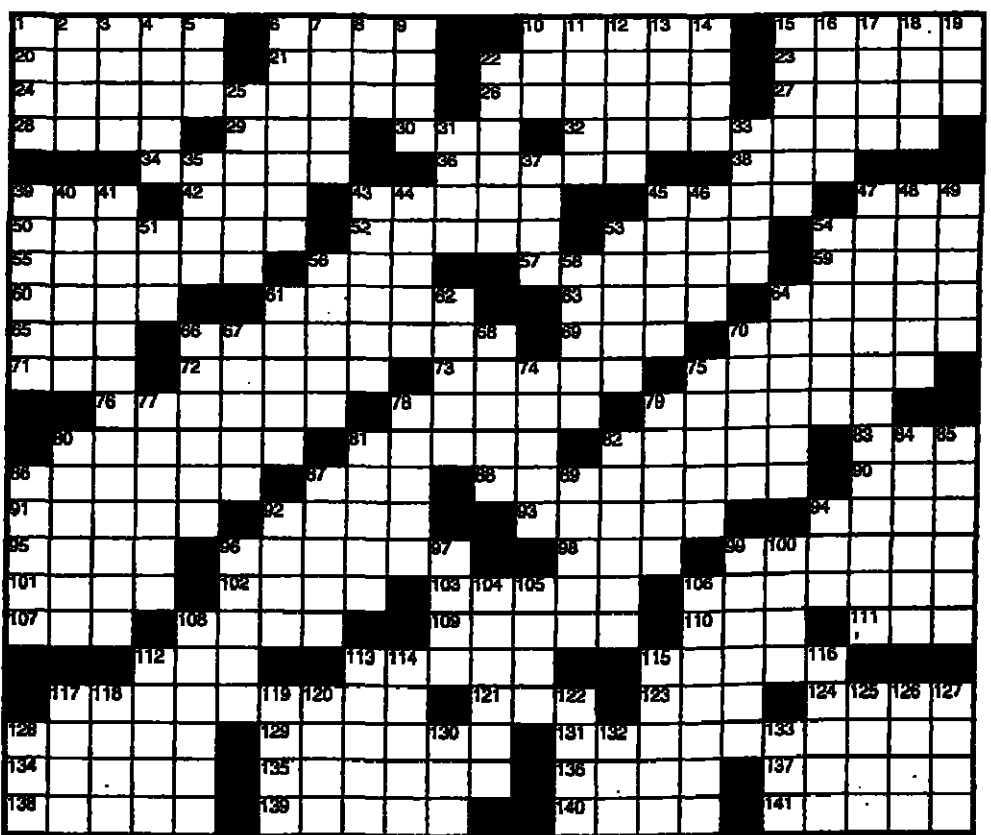
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# L.A. police chief alleges cover-up

By ALAN DERSHOWITZ

**G**uess who is now claiming that he is the victim of a framing and cover-up by the Los Angeles Police Department? None other than its own police chief, Willie Williams.

Poor Willie Williams. Several weeks ago at a press conference the embattled L.A. police chief stood squarely behind his officers, attacking me after I disclosed the dirty little secret known to everyone familiar with law enforcement: namely that police perjury and cover-up — especially in relation to search and seizure — is pervasive in this country. Despite the extensive documentation supporting my allegation, Chief Williams led the well-orchestrated campaign in support of the honesty and integrity of the L.A. police.

Now that Chief Williams has himself been accused of deliberately lying about improperly accepting free hotel rooms in Las Vegas, it is he who is accusing the Los Angeles Police Commission, and its apparent source, the Organized Crime Intelligence Division of

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his own police department, of making "utterly false" accusations. In effect, Chief Williams is claiming that he was framed by the Los Angeles Police Department for misconduct that he did not commit.

According to Newsweek Magazine, police sources within the L.A. Police Department support at least part of Chief Williams' allegation: namely that a group of police officers loyal to ousted Chief Daryl Gates targeted Chief Williams by conducting an unauthorized investigation of him, including unlawful surveillance of his trip to Las Vegas, and are now denying it. "This was a rogue operation to get rid of Williams," says an L.A. police source. This account has also been corroborated by a Las Vegas police official who confirms that an L.A. police detective was snooping around looking for dirt on Williams. Put another way, police officers hostile to Chief Williams — the first African-American police chief of Los Angeles' very white and very racially troubled police department — conspired to get Williams by using unlawful means and are now covering up their conspiracy.

Sound familiar? Is Chief Williams really lending support to O.J. Simpson's defense team? Is he simply trying to deflect attention from his own wrongdoing? Or is he telling the truth — this time? We will probably never know, because as the Christopher Commission pointed out after the L.A. riots, the L.A. Police Department — like many others — operates behind a "blue wall of silence."

Police officers routinely cover for each other and lie to protect each other. In New York, for example, state troopers planted fingerprints at crime scenes to enhance evidence against defendants they thought were guilty. When a special prosecutor was appointed to investigate this scandal, he faced a nearly impenetrable blue wall of silence. Most of the corrupt state troopers escaped prosecution because — in the words of the special prosecutor — their colleagues "have done everything they possibly can to frustrate the investigation." Similarly, when New York police went on a rampage at a Washington hotel and sexually assaulted some female guests — following a national memorial service for slain police officers — the blue wall of silence and cover-up extended beyond the New York police officers to the D.C. cops as well.

Now that Willie Williams knows what it feels like to be victimized by the blue wall of silence, maybe he will be willing to blow the whistle on his fellow officers and come forward and acknowledge that the problem of

pervasive police perjury and cover-up is a serious one that endangers the freedom of all Americans.

Indeed there are few institutions more dangerous to liberty than police willing to use improper means to target their enemies, and then to cover up their lawlessness. Lavrenti Beria, the notorious head of Stalin's K.G.B.,

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once said, "Give me the man and I will find you the crime." Our own version of Beria — J. Edgar Hoover — showed that this approach was not unique to the Soviet Union. Hoover's F.B.I. targeted Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, Leonard Bernstein, and numerous other law-abiding citizens whom Hoover did not like — and then covered up their improprieties. The Willie Williams imbroglio demonstrates that rogue policemen determined to get someone — even their boss — can find something, even if it means following him out of the state, leaving their findings and then denying their actions.

In the fall of this year Chief Williams will have an opportunity to tell the world what he now thinks about police perjury. The Harvard Criminal Justice Institute is convening an academic conference on the issue of police perjury. Chief Williams will be an invited guest. I hope he will accept and tell us what he really believes about the pervasiveness of police perjury in Los Angeles and other American cities. There is no more important issue in law enforcement today.

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## Switch and bait

By MICKEY KAUS

**F**or two decades we've been romancing the right, trying to reach a grand centrist bargain. You know: old ends, new means. Subsidize housing, but with vouchers! Try school choice, but make it "controlled" choice, etc. When Democrats ran Washington, the right seemed to reciprocate these overtures. Commissions were formed, common ground explored, bills cosponsored. But now... well, something's changed.

A case in point: the Earned Income Tax Credit. A \$28 billion-a-year program that sends checks of up to \$3,500 to workers with meager earnings, the EITC has long been the lowest common denominator between the neoliberal left and the pragmatic right. To the left, the EITC offered a practical way of getting money to the poor. But its appeal to the right was equally obvious: In contrast to "welfare," it goes only to workers and is available to intact families. Yet it requires minimal bureaucracy. The IRS simply mails out the checks.

For the past two decades, when Democrats wanted to expand welfare or raise the minimum wage or establish state-funded day care, Republicans have proposed relying on the EITC instead. The EITC was expanded under Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton. Reagan called it "the best anti-poverty, the best pro-family, the best job-creation measure to come out of Congress."

But that was before the 1994 elections. Now, suddenly, the EITC is "the federal government's fastest growing... welfare program," according to Republican Sen. Don Nickles — and we know what Republicans think about "welfare" programs. The budget resolution passed by the Senate cuts the credit by \$20 billion between now and 2002. The House Ways and Means Committee is also hinting at large EITC reductions.

Why the vicious turn against what was an unassailable, bipartisan initiative? There are three "policy" explanations, all inadequate. The first is the charge, made most insistently by Nickles, that the EITC is racked with "massive" losses "due to fraud and error." But there is no evidence the losses are "massive," and the IRS is currently in the middle of a vigorous crackdown on EITC fraud. Why not give it a chance to work?

Second, the EITC can magnify the tax code's so-called "marriage penalty." If two \$15,000-a-year workers marry, for example, their combined income will be too high to qualify for the EITC. But that problem could be fixed by offering bigger benefits to married couples.

Third, the EITC may create a mild work disincentive because it is slowly "phased out" for workers earning between \$12,000 and \$29,000. In this range, for every extra dollar you make you lose about 20 cents of your credit. But the program also creates a positive work incentive for those who might do little or no work if the EITC didn't add 40 cents to every dollar earned up to about \$9,000. It's more important to get these potential non-workers into the working culture than it is to squeeze every ounce of labor from couples making \$25,000.

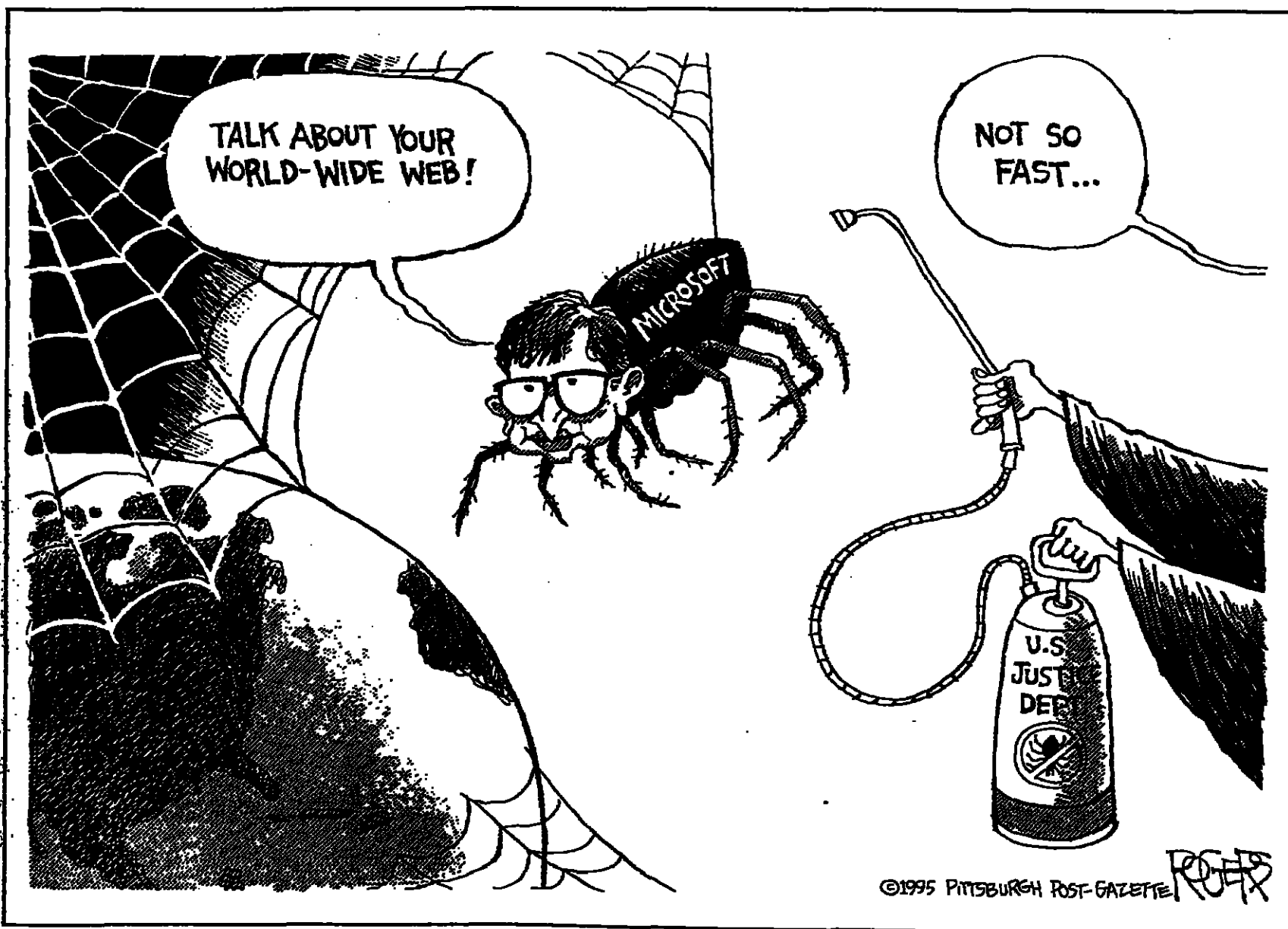
All three objections, of course, were known to Republicans who pushed the EITC for decades. Why do they suddenly carry such weight? Could it be because the GOP drive to balance the budget (while cutting "middle-class" taxes) subordinates all conflicting impulses? The EITC is simply too big a pot of money to pass up.

Then again, did the Republicans ever mean all the soothing things they said about the EITC? Maybe the whole bipartisan flirtation was a cynical bait and switch. First, Republicans get Democrats to drop their pet projects in favor of the EITC. Then, the moment the Republicans attain power on their own, they are shocked to discover the EITC is "fraud-prone." It's a sequence we may well see repeated elsewhere: First neoliberals turn HUD into a voucher program; then Republicans kill the vouchers.

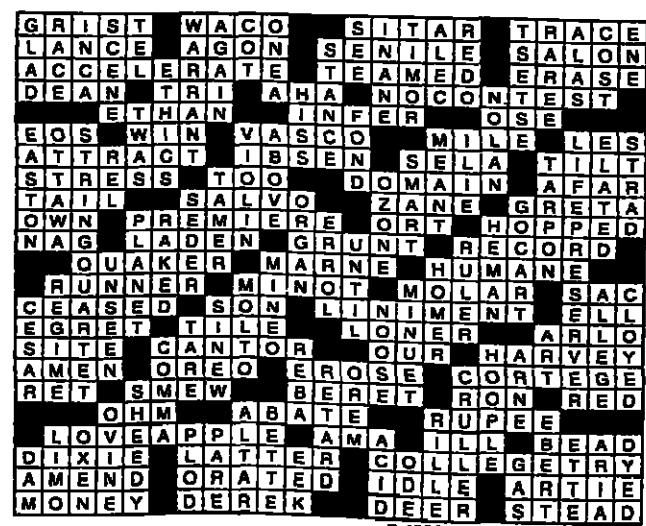
But I'm not sure, in the EITC case, that the seduction didn't run the other way. When Reagan and Bush embraced the EITC, after all, they were implicitly conceding that the income distribution generated by the market can be so unequal that the government should subsidize those at the bottom. This is a highly subversive principle, at least for Republicans. It can justify a whole range of public initiatives to "make work pay." No wonder the right is eager to wriggle out of the EITC deal.

If Republicans are only now wising up to the activist implications of neoliberal principles, then neoliberals should hardly feel suckered. Instead, they need to defend those principles. Why shouldn't full-time workers be assured a material minimum? A few months ago, The American Spectator published a flimsy EITC-bashing article that nevertheless conceded "there is a serious problem among men with high-school (or less) education, whose incomes have remained stagnant." But the solution to this problem, suggested the Spectator, must await a "re-organization of the nation's economy." Hmm. Isn't that The Nation's line? Until the happy day when capitalism is transformed, we at least have the EITC. Let's keep it.

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The setting of the sun, providing the most fascinating kind of light, can create a backlit scene with partial silhouetting and highlights. (David Brauner)

sity of Middle East light. As a photographer, whenever I go abroad, the first thing I notice is the change in light.

For example, in Britain, and particularly in Scotland, the low

The subject of light is almost as inexhaustible as light itself, but the best way to study it is with a camera.

**D'YORA BEN SHAUL**

You are also entitled to expect the surgeon to examine your pet carefully before even considering it as a candidate for surgery. If the animal is not in good enough health, only essential operations, not elective procedures, should be performed. This rules out anesthe-

Such reactions cannot, in most cases, be foreseen in animals any more than in humans. Nonetheless, your pet has a far greater chance of suffering an accident at home or on the street, or of being poisoned, than it has of suffering from a medical accident. There is no reason to shun proper veterinary care.

**Boscovitch: Looked for roots in melodies sung by Eastern European Jews.** (J. Gordon)

He won the Huberman Prize for a violin concerto, but did not like it and refused to have it performed again. He wrote music for six theater productions, including *The Marriage of Figaro* (the Beaumarchais play). He also gave lessons in composition, which he loved.

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# 3,000 athletes gather for Hapoel Games

HEATHER CHAIT

THE 36 people who gathered in a Haifa club 71 years ago to usher in the notion of Hapoel would probably blush with equal measures of embarrassment and pride if they could see how a socialist experiment, meant to honor working class sportsmen, has blossomed into a prime-time extravaganza.

This year's 15th Game offer few similarities between the First Games in 1928 with 18 participating clubs or the Fifth Games in 1952 when the first overseas visitors trickled in. This year brings together 3000 top athletes from 41 countries in an unprecedented recognition of sporting achievement.

Comparing these games with the last Hapoel Games in 1991, President of Hapoel's Board of Directors, Yoram Oberkowitz, comments, "The 14th Games, held one month after the Gulf War, were on a much smaller scale with only 500 participants. Since then, Hapoel has become the largest club in Israel and this year's games aim to do justice both to Hapoel and to the caliber of the sportspeople involved."

While Hapoel remains faithful to its commitments to CSIT (Confederation Sportive Internationale du Travail), the international organization of labor sports, the fact that it is held quadrennially in the year preceding the Olympic Games, has made it a yardstick for testing local and international sporting standards.

The other sporting extravaganza in this country - the Maccabiah - is held quadrennially the year following the Olympics.



TOP OF THE WORLD - Ukrainian pole vaulting superstar Sergei Bubka will be the star attraction at the Hapoel Games track and field meeting at Hadar Yosef on Thursday evening.

This year, with Israel's growing acceptance in the world, Cuban sports stars are participating for the first time while the dissolution of the Soviet Union has led to a number of states aligning themselves with CSIT.

Nobody will question pop singer

er Diana Ross' sporting links when she takes center stage tomorrow night for the spectacular opening ceremony in the national stadium at Ramat Gan. Besides official guests President Ezer Weizman and Histadrut head Haim Ramon, the entertainment

will be provided by local stars David Broza and Riki Gal during a 90-minute gala.

Back on the sporting fields, the three main events will be in track and field, swimming and gymnastics, judging by the names involved.

Ukrainian Sergei Bubka may hold the world record in the pole vault event at 6.14m but clipping his heels will be French champion Jean Galfion with a record of 5.94m; Bubka's brother Vasily and the local crop led by Danny Kraznov.

Two of Cuba's outstanding sportsmen in the triple jump, Yulifis Kavasda (17.68m) and Joel Garcia (17.21m) are expected to dominate their event.

In keeping with many leading athletic meets, all the categories will be packed into a four-hour festival on June 15 at Hadar Yosef stadium, beginning at 6 pm.

China's delegation looks certain to dominate both the swimming and gymnastics events. World champion 20-year-old Le Jingyi, with record times of 24.51s in the 50m freestyle and 54.01s in the 100m freestyle, will be hungry to augment her collection of gold medals from last year's world championships in Rome.

Poland's world champion in the 100m butterfly with a time of 53.41s, Rafal Szulka, is another prestigious name hitting the waters of Tel Aviv University's pool.

The gymnastics competition, always a crowd-pleaser, will also be contested on an international level at the newly inaugurated hall at Hadar Yosef stadium.

Ivan Ivankov, the champion

from Belarus, accompanied by five-time Olympic gold medalist Nellie Kim, now head of gymnastics in Belarus, is the figure to watch while China's best gymnasts, Chen Yaocun, Li Qian and Fu Yunfei are sure to impress no less.

The weightlifting meet at the University of the Negev in Beer-sheba has official recognition as the European youth and women tournaments, and has aroused massive interest with 250 entries registered from 28 countries.

Germany is sure to lead the wrestling competition in Rehovot with its band of Barcelona medalists, Oleg Kochrenko (gold, 52kg), Alfred Tar-Makarchian (silver, 57kg), Rifat Yeldiz (silver, 62kg) and Mike Bulman (gold, 90kg).

From the in-your-face contact to the open seas where the world's best will compete off Nahariya beach in the Olympic mistral boresailing category, Israel's Amih Imbar, fifth in last year's world championships, will set sail against New Zealand's Aaron McIntosh, last year's world champion. Also trying for Israel will be Amir Levinson and Gai Friedman and among the women, Michal Hein, Sivan Assaf and Miri Ram.

But not everything is sport. To complement the physical with the intellectual, an exhibition of painting and sculpture with the theme of Peace, Sport and Aliya is taking place in Rishon LeZion's Arts and Crafts Center, presenting talent like Tanya Preminger, Shlomo Tzafrir, Dan Kadar, Harold Rubin, Gad Ullman and Alexander Bogen. The exhibition will run until July 15.

## Rockets pull further away from Magic

ORLANDO (AP) - The Orlando Magic's high-powered offense broke down, and Houston's road show roared right by.

The Rockets, led by Hakeem Olajuwon's 34 points, took a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals on Friday night, running past Orlando 117-106 and setting an NBA record with their seventh consecutive playoff road win.

The series shifts to Houston for today's Game 3, the first of three at The Summit, where the Rockets are 4-4 in the postseason.

A big first half by Olajuwon and reserve point guard Sam Cassell, who tied his career playoff high with 31 points, put the Magic down by 22 at halftime, and they never recovered.

Shaquille O'Neal had 23 of his 33 points in the second half and Anfernee Hardaway added 32, but they didn't get much help. The team that led the league in scoring during the regular season simply got too far behind to catch up.

Now Orlando, only the second team to lose the first two games of the finals at home, may have fallen too far behind in the series to catch up.

Only two teams have managed to come back from an 0-2 deficit in the finals - the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers won the title after dropping the first two games to Philadelphia, and Boston bounced back to beat the Lakers in 1969.

While Houston set another NBA record with its ninth road victory of the postseason, the Magic lost consecutive games at home for the first time this season.

"In the first half, we executed everything we wanted to do; the guys passed the ball, the ball

movement was great," Cassell said. "The defense was excellent, we allowed them one shot and we did the things we needed to do on offense."

Clyde Drexler overcame early foul trouble to score 23 points for Houston, and Robert Horry had 11 points and seven steals. Kenny Smith, who had 23 points in Game 1, was scoreless in 19 minutes, but it didn't matter with the Rockets shooting 52 percent.

"When you have five guys contributing, everybody being a part of it, everybody knowing they're going to be a part of it, that's when you're going to be successful," Cassell said.

The Magic's two 23-year-old All-Stars carried their more tested teammates. Nick Anderson, whose four missed free throws in the final 10.5 seconds of Game 1 cost the Magic a win in regulation, was 4-of-13 from the field and Dennis Scott was 3-of-10.

Orlando shot 34 percent for the second half, and the misery was spread around. O'Neal, shooting 58 percent in the playoffs, was 3-of-10, Anderson was 0-of-4 and Scott was 2-of-7.

HOUSTON (117) Orlando 117, Houston 106. Horry 4-10 2-2 11, Olajuwon 14-30 6-9 34, Smith 0-2 0-0 8, Drexler 7-10 9-12 23, Brown 4-8 0-0 8, Cassell 6-12 11-12 31, Jones 0-0 2-2 2, Gilchrist 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-75 34-41 117.

ORLANDO (106) Houston 106, Orlando 99. O'Neal 22-47 2-2 10, Scott 3-10 1-1 8, Hardaway 12-22 4-5 32, Anderson 4-13 2-4 11, Shaw 3-8 0-0 8, Turner 1-4 0-0 3, Bowie 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-85 18-26 106.

Houston 28 35 27 27 - 117 Orlando 19 22 30 36 - 106 3-Point goals - Houston 5-14, Cassell 4-4, Horry 1-5, Smith 0-1, Elle 0-2, Orlando 10-26, Hardaway 4-6, Shaw 2-5, Scott 2-7, Turner 1-3, Anderson 1-5. Fouled out - Nona, Rebounds - Houston 44 (Olajuwon 11), Orlando 32 (O'Neal 12). Assists - Houston 18 (Drexler 5), Orlando 24 (Hardaway 8). Total fouls - Houston 23, Orlando 26. Technicals - Houston (Nigel) defenses 3. A - 16,010 (18,010).

## Blackhawks still kicking

CHICAGO (Reuters) - After three successive losses in one-goal contests took Chicago to the brink of being swept from the Western Conference Finals, the Blackhawks wanted no part of another close game.

They got their wish Thursday, emphatically snapping Detroit's eight-game post-season winning streak.

Denis Savard scored twice and set up one of Joe Murphy's two goals as the Blackhawks bolted to a 5-0 lead after two periods and held on for a 5-2 victory over the Red Wings.

Despite bouncing back from a double overtime home loss in Game 3 to avoid elimination, Chicago still faces a daunting uphill battle, beginning with Game 5 today in Detroit.

Only two teams in National Hockey League history have come back from three games to none deficits to win a seven-game playoff series - the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and 1975 New York Islanders.

The Red Wings, who had the best regular season record in the NHL, need to win just one of the next three games to wrap up their first trip to the Stanley Cup Finals since 1966, when they fell to the Blackhawks. Chicago has been back to the Finals but has not won the Stanley Cup since.

Savard, who had a very strong game, scored 7:07 into the contest to open the scoring.

Murphy tallied just over four minutes later on a slap shot from the top of the left circle and Dirk Graham made it 3-0 with 3:19 left in the first period. Just over four minutes into the second period, Savard scored his sixth goal of the playoffs on a breakaway, deking Detroit goaltender Mike Vernon to the ice before slipping the puck behind him for a commanding 4-0 lead. That sent Vernon to the bench in favor of back-up goalie Chris Osgood.

Murphy's ninth post-season tally came on the power play with just over two minutes left in the second period, putting the game pretty much out of reach at 5-0.

With Murphy camped out on Osgood's doorstep, Savard got the Detroit goalie's attention, drawing him out of his net. Savard then put a perfect cross-crease pass onto Murphy's stick for an easy stuff into the open side of the net.

Chicago goaltender Ed Belfour had his shutout bid spoiled by his own star defenseman, Chris Chelios, who accidentally swatted the puck into his own net 4:49 into the third period. Detroit's Kris Draper, who was nearby, was credited with the goal.

The Red Wings got captain Steve Yzerman back in the lineup but played without injured center Sergei Fedorov.

Last night Philadelphia was at New Jersey for Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals. New Jersey leads the series 2-1.

## New driving range gives golf a lift

DAVID ISAACSON

GOLF has never been a major sport here. In New Jersey, which has a land mass similar in size to Israel, there are some 600 golf courses. But Israel has only the Caesarea Golf Club - in a location that underlines the image of the sport as the preserve of the rich. All that is in the throes of change.

Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport inaugurated this week a golf instruction center and driving range, a generous gift from S. Daniel Abraham. In addition to a 230-meter driving range, there is a putting green, sand trap and state-of-the-art equipment including a swing trainer, loft and lie machine and video equipment.

The institute's greatest teaching aid, however, is in the person of instructor Paula Adelman. The former pro at Northgreen Country Club in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Adelman coached US Tour player Skeeter Heath before coming here.

Adelman is also a former tennis pro and swimming champion. Five years ago, she decided to bring her skills and experience here.

She suggests that the trend among American sports psychologists to emphasize the mental side of the game should not be at the expense of technique. "You can't think yourself out of a swing unless you have a swing in the first place," she says. And, as she admits, "it's more difficult than it looks."

Adelman claims that all sectors of society, and not just the wealthy, stand to gain from a new golf facility. She points to the many poor children from Or



AWAY WE GO - Local golfer tees off at Wingate.

Akiva who receive subsidized training at the Caesarea course. Indeed one of Or Akiva's most famous sons is former national golf champion Rahamin Assayag.

Israel's most celebrated amateur player is former President Chaim Herzog, who has been known to play through thunder, lightning and heavy rain; and through the aftermath of the 1988 election results. The then-president had to be called away from the golf course to charge Yitzhak Shamir to form a government.

Current national champion, 30-year-old Per Lund says that the Wingate facility is comparable to golf centers in the US and Europe. "It will result in more good players," claims the former Norwegian immigrant.

Women's champion Tamar Renassia, 21, has been driving and putting for 11 years. A student in Kfar Sava, she looks forward to taking regular practice sessions at the institute.

But will the sport catch on with only one full, 18-hole course? There is talk of building another

links in Ashkelon and possibly elsewhere. "If the Wingate center takes off, it will be a great impetus," says Adelman.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Israel Golf Association chairman Gil Peres said the country needs to breed more golfers. He also pointed out the sport's importance as a tourist attraction.

Israel Sport and Physical Education Authority director Yairiv Oren said that the "booming economy and peace prospects will result in people having more leisure time for the 'Royal and Ancient Sport'."

Golf is already popular among the Anglo community, especially immigrants from the US, South Africa and Britain. "When you've got the bug, you'll travel any distance to play," says Adelman, citing the example of a player living in Jerusalem who drives to the Caesarea links two or three times a week. "Now a number of Israelis are also getting addicted."

One such recent convert is top sports broadcaster Yoram Arbel. Having taken up the sport five months ago, he too has caught "the virus." Arbel points to coverage of international events on Cable TV as a boon to local interest.

"I forecast a bright future for golf here," he says. "The climate and the scenery are right. Europeans are looking for warm places to play besides Spain and Portugal."

He is full of praise for the Wingate initiative. "This is a major development - it gives the sport legitimacy," he says. "It shows that golf is not just for the elderly. It will change the sport's whole image, as the Wingate Institute is such a well known symbol of youth and excellence."

## Barkan victorious in Vanessa Phillips final

HEATHER CHAIT

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD Nelly Barkan, a new immigrant from the Ukraine, marked a straightforward 6-2, 6-2 win over Israel's Tzipori Obziler in the final of the \$10,000 Vanessa Phillips tournament in Haifa yesterday.

Second seed Barkan added the Haifa title to that she collected last week in Jaffa.

In Friday's semifinal, Barkan, 375 in the WTA rankings, defeated Limor Gabai 6-3, 6-4 and Obziler downed Floor Vioen from Holland 6-3, 6-1.

Barkan completed a clean sweep of the two-week tournament by also taking both doubles titles, partnered by Ukrainian Tessa Shapovalova.

Yesterday their victims were Gabai and Argentina's Pamela Zingman who lost 6-4, 6-4 in a finely contested match.

Most of Israel's top players will be on court this week in the Hapoel Games tennis tournament which begins today at the Hapoel courts in Tel Aviv.

Among the men, Gilad Bloom is top seed, followed by Ofer Sela and Boaz Merenstein with Shiri Burstein, Zingman and Nativ Cahana leading the women seeds.

Morocco's two tennis players scheduled to compete had not confirmed their arrival by last night but organizers were considering a redraw if they do arrive.

## 'Maradona will play for Boca'

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - Soccer star Diego Maradona will play for his old club Boca Juniors when his 15-month FIFA ban expires in September, club president Antonio Alegre said Friday.

"Diego has accepted our offer and will sign next week," Alegre told reporters outside the Boca stadium in Buenos Aires. Details of the contract, believed to be for two years, were not released.

The announcement came three days after talks about Maradona

possibly joining Pele's old Brazilian club Santos broke down and one day after talks began between his agent and Boca.

"This is a great day for Boca and a great day for all soccer fans who want to see Diego playing again," Alegre said.

Alegre said he was also hoping to sign Maradona's former international teammate Claudio Caviglia who is to be released sometime this summer by Italian club Roma.

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But the Swedes wasted all the opportunities that came their way.

## Last-minute goals save England from Sweden

LEEDS (Reuters) - Two goals in the final two minutes by David Platt and Darren Anderton earned England a 3-3 draw with Sweden on Thursday and saved the team from its biggest home defeat for 23 years.

Anderton's stunning goal seconds from the end came after the Tottenham winger's volley struck both posts before ripping into the back of goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli's net.

A minute earlier England skipper Platt had scored what appeared to be a consolation goal that would merely make Sweden's winning margin more acceptable to the disappointed home fans.

The draw was hardly deserved and punished the Swedes for missing chances that would have given them a comprehensive victory.

Two goals by Hakan Mild and one by Kennet Andersson looked to have set up Sweden for a comfortable victory in this International Challenge tournament.

England, playing a home match away from Wembley for the first time since 1966, played as if it had lost its bearings completely.

It would have been Sweden's first win of 1995 to end a dismal sequence of results.

It has been beaten by Turkey and Hungary and drew 1-1 with Iceland in its recent European championship qualifiers.

England played well in patches, especially in the first half, but it seemed to run out of inspiration and ideas long before the end.

If it was not automatically ensured of a place in next year's European championship finals as the host nation, it is unlikely it would qualify on this form.

Mild scored after the 10th and 36th minutes, while Andersson added the third 22 seconds into the second half.

Teddy Sheringham, playing for England for the eighth time, scored his first international goal just before halftime, before Platt and Anderton lifted the gloom for the 32,008 Elland Road crowd.

England made a bright start following its ragged performance in beating Japan 2-1 last Saturday. But it was soon back in trouble when it fell behind to Mild's soft goal.

Niklas Gudmundsson powered in a left-foot drive which Flowers parried. The ball came out to Mild who had time and space to float the ball back into the danger area.

Gudmundsson failed to connect with a hook shot but distracted goalkeeper Tim Flowers enough for him to allow Mild's floated shot to find the far corner of the net.

Flowers was at fault for Sweden's second. He failed to hold a shot by Gary Sundgren and it rebounded straight into the path of Mild who swept it in from close range.

Sheringham, who missed badly with a header after 20 minutes, made amends in the final minute of the half, volleying home with his left foot.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Local lawn bowls

The Ra'anana Lawn Bowls Club took the first four places in their annual Shavnot tournament, which included 200 bowlers in a three-day open competition of mixed fours, sponsored by Diesenhans Tours.

In an excellent closely contested final, Jeff Rabkin, Merle Sverdlow, Kenzie Greenbaum, and Annette Samuelsohn, edged out Jack Trappier, Trevor Armband, David Trappier and Denny Galland. With all eight players, playing accurate bowls, Rabkin's side won 18-16.

Third place went to the Silberstein family trio of Gordon, Cobi and Gita, who together with Joe Goldberg, had a comfortable 16-5 win against Leon Blum, Len Averbuch, Lennie Rome and Ina Averbuch.

Norman Spiro

### 5,000 meters world record broken

Kenyan Moses Kiptanui lowered the men's 5,000 meters world record by more than one and a half seconds when he clocked 12 minutes 55.30 seconds at the IAAF Golden Gala Grand Prix meeting in Rome on Thursday.

Kiptanui bettered the previous mark of 12:56.96 set by Ethiopia's Halle Gebresilasie in the Dutch town of Hengelo a year ago.

The Kenyan soldier already possesses the 3,000 meters steeplechase record, an event in which he is world champion.

Reuters







## MUTUAL FUNDS

## WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

## US dollar ... NIS 2.9880 -0.20%

**INT'L STOCK**

### New York market indexes

**NYSE stocks**  
**Unchanged Advances Declines**

## Other stock market indexes

Israeli stocks in NY

Biotechnology	3.6875	+0.1875
Carmel Corp	9.75	+0.25
Futuron (electrochem)	1.9375	+0.0625

Excise	2.75	+0
Exc Levaid	8.75	+0.5
Exc Levaid A	7.625	+0.625
Laser T.	7.25	+0.125
PEC	24	-0.125
Taxiren	17.25	+0

Converse	15.125	-0.25
Data (Debtors)	8.875	+0.75
End	16.875	-0.5

Enervex	1.4375	+0.25
Edco-Soft	8	+0
Enervex Fuel	10.125	+0

4. Systema	4.75	-0.125
20.5	20.5	+0.375
2.5	2.5	+0.3125

Geotek	7.875	+0.125
Health Tech	1.8875	+0.125
Health	0.34375	+0.03125

Interpharm	14.875	+0.875
Sanico	0.5	-0.06375
Sumo	12.25	+1.125

STOCK	0.54375	+0.00125
LIBOR	18.5	+0

Shap Tech	2.5	+0.0625
Acad	4.375	+0.5

Depiens	3	-0.08376
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Over Satisfactory	2.5	+2
Good	34.25	+0.375
VG	1	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

## INT'L MONEY

## MARKETS

bond:	spot	1.5948	-0.0012
	Jun future (CME)	1.5948	-0.0028
metric:	spot	1.6057	0.0000

franc	spot	1.1819	+0.0017
	1 month (FME)	0.9670	+0.0019

Jun./Aug. (CME)	0.719	-0.0037
spot	4.9428	-0.0104
Nov.	1825.5	1

spot	1.5718	-0.0012
spot	0.855	-0.12
spot	1.425	0.005

**Labor rates**

		Last	Change
ollar	3 months _____	8.0825	+0.0813
ollar	6 months _____	8	+0.0313

Franc	6 months	3.3125	40
Franc	12 months	3.4375	0
Mark	3 months	4.4500	0

mark	6 months	-4.4687	0
mark	12 months	-4.5312	+0.0312
ed	3 months	1.1875	0

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~~INTL COMMODITIES~~

## US commodities

	Last	Change
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### London commodities

	Est	Change
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Spot market metals (US)	
	Last Change

st	spot	588.25	+1.8
er:	spot	5.45	+0.13

June (Jun)	5,437	+0.11
July (Jul)	440.9	+4.6
August (Aug)	167.65	-0.26

7-grade copper (Lbf)	1,347	-0.007
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**London metal fixes**

Minimum PM R <sub>x</sub>	437.4	+1.65
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with in parentheses signals contract exp. date  
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